

## The next day...

... someone far away was listening to "□□ □□".

Von abgemeldet

... **JUNSU** left for the studio without breakfast at 6AM. He said nothing but left a little note for his still sleeping friends.

... **NICKHUN** left his room at 6:30AM to prepare breakfast. He took seven plates out of the cupboard and placed them on the table just before tears filled his eyes and he sat down staring at the white porcelain.

... **JUNHO** got up and tried to wake up Chansung, but the maknae refused to react on his shaking and so he went to into the bathroom, finding Junsu's note pinned on the mirror. He went into the kitchen, showing the note to Nickhun before removing two plates back into the cupboard.

... **TAECYEON** left his room to wake up those who are still asleep. After he woke up Wooyoung and finally got Chansung up from the livingroom floor, he went to the last unopened door. He hesitated, his hand already lying on the door handle, then he turned around facing Chansung.

... **CHANSUNG** returned his hyungs sad expression and sighed. He placed one hand on the older ones shoulder and they followed Wooyoung into the kitchen, leaving the last door shut.

... **WOOYOUNG** looked at Nickhun, who was staring out of the window when the entered the kitchen. Then, he looked at Junho, but the younger one just shook his head.

... **NICKKHUN** continued staring out of the kitchen window after the silent breakfast. He was unable to get his thoughts away from what had happened the day before. He sighed, leaning his forehead against the cold glass.

... **JUNHO** went for the studio too, found the door locked and heard Junsu singing sad love songs with a tearfilled voice. He carefully left again and went back home.

... **JUNSU** stayed at the studio 'till late in the afternoon, then he left and went to a supermarket to buy some ice-cream. He ignored the people calling his name and he was not sure, but probably he payed too much, ignoring the girl at the cashdesk before going home.

... **CHANSUNG** heard the doorbell rang when practising and opened the door to let Junsu into the apartment. He and Taecyeon followed their hyung into the kitchen.

... **WOOYOUNG** watched TV and then Nickkhun, who had fallen asleep on the livingroom couch, tired from crying and worrying. He carefully stroked the older boys hair and sighed.

... **JUNHO** looked up when Junsu, Taecyeon and Chansung came into the kitchen, then he went to the cupboard and took six bowls for the ice-cream out. A sigh left his lips.

... **TAECYEON** went into the livingroom while the other three opened the ice-cream and he carefully knocked against the open doorframe.

... **WOOYOUNG** looked up when Taecyeon knocked and shook his head, placing one finger on his lips while his other hand continued stroking Nickkhun's brown hair.

... **TAECYEON** nodded and went back into the kitchen. He sat down between Junho and Chansung, shaking his head as an answer for the questioning looks of the other

three boys.

... **CHANSUNG** took the bowls and started washing the dishes. Taeyeon helped drying the wet porcelain, avoiding to look at the maknae's sad face.

... **JUNSU** went to bed early, closing his door and falling on his mattress almost like a stone. Tears ran down his cheeks, but he felt too weak to wipe them away.

... **NICKHUN** woke up late in the evening and turned around to look at Wooyoung, a little hope in his eyes that everything had been a bad dream, but the younger boy just shook his head. Nichkhun sighed, placing his head on Wooyoung's lap again.

... **JUNHO** went to bed too and soon, everyone was in his own room, dwelling on their very own, personal thoughts.

... **SOMEONE** far away was listening to "I Hate U". This has been the first day no one of them said even a single word to each other.

*It's September 2009.*