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ACT ONE

SCENE ONE

*Natural lighting fills the dorm with warm and cool tones. One side of the dorm is filled with BTS related merch. The other side is bare for now.*

*BRIANNA is laying on her bed watching a BTS performance on her phone. MARA is sitting on the bare side of the dorm.*

MARA  
(Slightly enthusiastic)

I wonder what your new roommate will be like.

BRIANNA pauses her phone and sits up.

BRIANNA  
As long as they aren't an anti or a blink then it's all good.

MARA  
What are blinks?

BRIANNA gives MARA a cold gaze. The silence is loud.

Suddenly a knock at the door. ASPEN enters with a suitcase and box.

ASPEN  
(politely)  
Oh hello, I'm Aspen. I'll be your new roommate.

BRIANNA  
Sup. I'm Brianna. And this is my friend Mara. They're just visiting.

MARA

Hello.

ASPEN scans BRIANNA'S side of the dorm.

ASPEN

Oh so you're a BTS fan.

BRIANNA jumps up from her bed and goes towards ASPEN.

BRIANNA

(defensive)

You got a problem with that?

MARA steps in the middle of the two.

MARA

Sorry about that. Brie is-

MARA pauses for a moment. They see the fiery passion in BRIANNA'S eyes.

MARA

She is just very passionate about them.

BRIANNA

(Emotional)

You don't know how many Stays I had to fight this week alone.

MARA

(Slightly concerned)

Just how many fandoms are there?

ASPEN goes towards her boxes.

ASPEN

No, no. Don't get me wrong. It's cool. I'm a kpop fan too.

ASPEN pulls an album out.

ASPEN

See?

BRIANNA walks towards ASPEN. She  
notices the album is of ATEEZ.

BRIANNA  
(a bit sarcastic)  
Ah okay. That's cool.

MARA  
What's with that response? Isn't it nice to have a fellow  
kpop lover?

BRIANNA  
Yeah, but-

ASPEN  
But what?

BRIANNA  
I mean, they seem to copy BTS. Performing their songs-

ASPEN  
They're just covers. One if not most of the group are fans  
of BTS.

BRIANNA  
(barely listening)  
And not to mention their recent performance.

ASPEN  
What about it?

MARA sits back on the computer  
chair in between the beds. They  
find a bag of popcorn and start  
eating it. They seem to be enjoying  
the drama.

BRIANNA  
The tattoo? They totally copied it.

ASPEN  
I didn't realize we were trademarking tattoos now.

BRIANNA  
I mean of all types of tattoos. A cycle of moons. And down  
the back even.

ASPEN doesn't respond. Tension  
fills the room.

ASPEN sits down on the bed.

ASPEN  
(smirking)  
Well, it just sounds like your jealous.

BRIANNA  
Jealous of what?

ASPEN  
That ATEEZ is getting more attention than BTS right now.

BRIANNA  
THEY'RE ON HIATUS. Plus they are still generating awards and attention while doing so. What does that say about your group?

ASPEN  
Huh?

BRIANNA is about to say something  
but pauses.

BRIANNA  
I just knew something was off when you walked in.

ASPEN  
(offended)  
Excuse me.

BRIANNA  
Yeah, you reek of being one of those stans.

ASPEN  
(laughs)  
Speak for yourself.

MARA gets up from the chair and  
walks towards the door.

MARA  
I have no idea where all this is going but I'm leaving. Just don't kill each other while I'm gone. It was nice meeting you Aspen.

MARA leaves.

ASPEN starts to unpack.

BRIANNA goes to her bed and grabs  
some headphones.

BRIANNA  
Don't you dare think this over. I'll show you how much better BTS is than your pirate wannabes.