

S@ND BOX
WRITING SESSION

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ON BLACK...

THE BOY IS MINE by BRANDI AND MONICA blares.

INT. KITCHEN - NIGHT

Dinner must have been good.

The kitchen is a bit of a mess. Fresh ingredients, seasonings, used utensils, and pots.

DINING ROOM

Three used plates sit void of food and their guests. Two wine glasses are half empty, while one glass is full.

LIVING ROOM

A stunning CHRISTMAS TREE sits near the fireplace.

FEET dance into the room. It's a WOMAN and she is vibing. This is her song! She sings along and puts some stank on it.

She passes a BLOODY VIRGIL ABLOH book on the coffee table.

In front of her...

A COUPLE (Black man and woman) is tied up, unconscious.

The Woman regards them. She takes a DEEP BREATH.

She pulls out a pack of cigarettes. She pops one out and lights it. One of her hands is badly bruised.

She COUGHS. The cigarettes don't belong to her.

The Woman walks up to the man. He's beautiful even with a battered face.

The Woman takes a drag and then puts the cigarette out on the man's chest. He comes to, in pain and coughing. He winces from the pain radiating off his face.

He gets his bearings. Smoke pours down on him, he looks up and sees The Woman.

JEREMIAH

Monica?

MONICA

Oh, now you know my name?

INT. MALL - NIGHT

3 YEARS AGO...

Tis' the Season for packed parking lots, long lines, and hot cocoa.

The Christmas Season is in full swing.

JEREMIAH CARVER and **MONICA GUILDIN** are out in the fray. They sing THIS CHRISTMAS by the TEMPTATIONS while they wait for their parking space.

Monica sings lead and Jeremiah backs her up.

They park.

MONICA

Okay, what's the plan?

JEREMIAH

I have to pick up two things, one you can't be with me for.

Monica smiles.

MONICA

Okay, I'll umm...go spend time in Barnes and Noble, maybe I can find that Virgil Abloh book for you.

JACOB

You do that, you getting a bonus gift.

MONICA

Challenge accepted.

They kiss...it lingers.

JEREMIAH

I'll get more of that later.

MONICA

With some extra tongue?

JEREMIAH

With some extra everything.

They kiss again.

JACOB

Meet me back here!

MONICA
(laughing)
Okay, when you're ready, just text
me.

They get out of the car. They walk together, arm in arm.

Jacob walks Monica to the door of Barnes and Noble. He opens
it for her.

She steps in, and he turns to head towards the mall.

INT. BARNES AND NOBLE - NIGHT

Monica peruses the aisles. She looks for the book, no dice.

She finds a store clerk.

MONICA
Excuse me, I need your help with
something...

The delightful store clerk, dressed in her Christmas store
swag leads Monica around the store.

Found it! Monica grabs the book, and heads to check out.

INT. BARNES AND NOBLE STARBUCKS

Monica checks her watch, it's been an hour, but to give Jacob
extra time, she orders a drink.

BARISTA
Monica!

Monica grabs her drink and sits. She scrolls her phone.

30 MIN LATER...

Monica opens her text messages and sends Jeremiah: I hope you
have that bonus gift ready because I got their last copy!

She SMILES.

Chat bubbles appear, then stop.

Monica waits...nothing. *That's odd.*

SOME TIME LATER...

BARISTA (CONT'D)

Excuse me, ma'am, we'll be closing
in 30 mins.

Monica looks up and checks the time. She checks her phone,
nothing.

Monica gets up and heads into the mall.

She checks her watch...it's been TWO HOURS.

Everyone bustles about making last-minute purchases.

Monica steps out of the fray. She takes her phone out and
calls Jeremiah.

It just rings, and rings, and...

EXT. OTHER SIDE OF THE MALL

...rings...in the TRASH CAN with no Jeremiah in sight.

The incoming call is from "MONICA <3".

Still writing...check back soon!