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~~apartment after strangling then provoking me to hit her in the middle of what turned into a really fucked up argument about love and dead parents so I smash her shit, grab all my stuff, shove it in my car, drive it up to the Valley at three in the morning to put it all in my storage space because that's the only place I can house my belongings right now but they don't open till seven and I have to be at work in Beverly Hills at 10:30 with no clean clothes, nowhere to shower, or even really anywhere to get dressed properly, I have no idea where to go, I literally can't go back to my friends place, our relationship is over, I'm not moving back to Missouri, I'd rather die, I can't ask my family for help, all I literally have right now is my car and this job and I don't really know what the fuck is reality right now or what I'm going to do with my life in the next 24 hours or where I'm going to sleep, or find a place to, I don't know where to, I just, don't, I don't know what to...~~

~~CJ breaks from processing his night and predicament. LEXI speaks up,~~

**LEXI**

**(light, tough and sweet)**

**Hey, Hey,  
Just breath. It's all good. You're cool.  
We're cool. It's cool. You're good!  
You're not gonna move. You're not gonna quit.  
You'll figure it out. That's the CJ I know.  
My dad always says it's never a good time for something bad to happen. And hey, I get it,  
I've totally been a bad friend. And friends fight. That's OK. But, oh hell no! What she did to your neck! That's not ok! You are not going back there, mmhmm, no! I refuse!  
Listen, I'm gonna work your double for you  
It'll piss management off but I need the over time and you need rest. You can hang at my place, smoke some weed, walk down to the beach, chill by the ocean, and just...**

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breathe. I'll talk to my sister and my roommate it'll be totally fine. We live in Malibu so if you leave early enough traffic shouldn't be too bad on the way there. It's a gated property so you'll need the code but there's a side door we keep open for the cat so you can just go in.

*Lexi goes to write down the code and the address. CJ is lost for words.*

~~CJ~~

~~Lexi... Thank You...~~

~~CJ is overwhelmed with gratitude.~~

Thank You.

~~LEXI~~

~~Yeah, Cam! You're welcome!  
This is the real work the world needs right now. You heard about the fires in the Valley?~~

~~CJ~~

~~(a realization)~~

~~That's what I was seeing...  
The sky was this creepy blood pink orange color at sunrise, and it was raining ash when I was moving stuff into my storage space...  
Wow. What's the cause?~~

~~LEXI~~

~~Natural disaster. Mother nature.~~

~~CJ~~

~~God...~~

~~LEXI~~

~~Yeah... My parents just moved out the house they had since me and my sister were kids last week. That would've been us...~~

~~CJ~~

~~All those people, all their homes gone just like,~~