

One of the many adolescent diaries of "Sunny" Lee Sunhee. This one, the most recent, was started when she was a bright-eyed 21-year-old, nearly graduated from SeoulArts, and ready to take on the world as a spur-of-the-moment idol trainee.

July 16th, 2017

Okay, so I might have just done something absolutely insane. Here's the setup for anyone possibly reading this in the future (even though I hope to god no one does!! I'd roll in my grave and cringe into myself in embarrassment' cause I know I'll say some insane shit here lmao)

Okay, I went off-topic (dolphin brained! my bad!) but here's the setup. I'm graduating from uni soon. Like soon-soon, in a few months soon and I have NO idea what I wanna do with the rest of my life. Me and the Radiant guys agreed that the band is just for fun, and not really something we all wanna rely on money for; so, we should find other jobs. But what the hell am I gonna do? I'm not cut out for desk work or service or any of that stuff :(

But then I got this mad crazy idea! I could be an idol! Why not, you know? Or at least I could try out for it as a, like, last hurrah before entering the adult world.

So yeah.

I did it.

I auditioned for a company and I fucking got in!?! I'm just as surprised as you are, dear diary peeper. I'm gonna be honest: I was really really nervous playing bass up on that stage. I've never actually played without Hangyu-oppa and Myung-oppa being right beside me, yknow? But I thought about my dad and how proud he probably would be.

I don't know why I'm so nervous about the results. It's not like this is some major dream or anything..

Hangyu-oppa says it's my overwhelming need to be liked by everyone haha..

I think he should shut up and mind his stupid business (all love if you somehow see this Gyuppa~♡)

Anyway, waiting for this phone call is AGONIZING!! I'll update you soon

xoxo Sunny

August 15th, 2017

God, it's been a while! We know I'm consistently bad at being consistent, so don't even worry about it. Anyway, I have news and yes, it's about the audition thing. So, here goes...

I GOT IN!!

Yeah, you read right; I got into a company! It's this cute little one called Petal Entertainment, and everyone I met on staff seems super nice. I honestly didn't expect this like?? I played the GUITAR like a FOOL. Everyone else was dancing and singing and rapping and a combination of two and I played the BASS GUITAR like some weird emo kid TT

But, apparently, the CEO liked it—liked me! He liked me enough to onboard me and I'm heading back to Seoul this weekend. I don't even know what to expect, but let's see what happens!

Stay tuned! :)

xoxo Sunny

August 20th, 2017

So Petal (and WISH, Petal's weird frenemy company) hosted this enormous party where they basically introduced themselves to the world, like, officially. I'm not gonna lie, I was mad Starstruck at all the glitz and glam and the paparazzi, but I had fun!!

I owe a lot of that to Seunghoon oppa. He's this guy that's OBVIOUSLY waaaay out of my league, but he was interested in me! I mean, I think he was.

I can't always tell, honestly. And the last boyfriend I had was Gyu-oppa sooo, I'm lowkey rusty at this thing. But I did my best! I flirted and laughed at all his stupid jokes and stuff. I pretended to understand what the hell he was talking about when he went on this deep monologue about the tree we were standing under. Even though I didn't understand, it was oddly magnetic. The guy has a way with words! Like I can't even write songs that poetic...not that I'm some huge songwriting pro yet. Anyway, I found myself super nervous around him, like I'd fuck up at some point and turn him off.

God, I hope he doesn't think I'm some stupid kid! I'm gonna overthink this ALL NIGHT, pray for me.

xoxo Sunny

August 21, 2017

So, I ended up on the news. Not, like national television but the gossip sites; all because of the time I spent with Seunghoon-oppa. They all basically made me out to be some naïve kid that he's taking advantage of. Only, I'm not like that! And he's not like that either! So, they should just mind their business. He actually likes me. It's totally obvious! He even asked me to meet him at the gym so we could hang out when he was done!

I mean, he did have to leave suddenly after a text but he promised we'd meet again some other time; he said he'd text me to figure out when! People have to suddenly change plans all the time, so this is nothing, right?

I can't help but be really down about it, but it'll be okay. Right?

xoxo Sunny

August 28th, 2017

Okay, so you won't BELIEVE who I ran into last night!! Radiant had a gig at this club in Hongdae last night, but we were out a keyboardist since our friend Yeji had to back out last minute. So, on a whim, I called an old hoobae and she actually agreed to meet us there! It was so last minute, I couldn't believe it, but she actually showed up and we had a ton of fun before and after the show.

I hope we get to hang out more cause I totally missed her! More than I thought lol

xoxo Sunny

P.S. oh yeah, and I haven't heard from Seunghoon oppa since that day at the gym. I wonder what I did..I hope I didn't hurt him somehow.

September 2nd, 2017

So, I met this guy named Shiwoo today! First of all, he's the funniest guy I've ever met; even funnier than Myung-oppa. It's like we have the same exact sense of humor and it doesn't hurt that he's super cute too! We're in the same company, so we kind of ran into each other in the lounge and got to talking. We hung out too and, at the end of it all, he promised that the next time we did it'd be a date.

I honestly can't wait! It's sorta embarrassing how eager I am, like some lovesick teenager or something. I even did a pillow squeal (yeah, it's that bad).

It's so stupid, I know! But, hey! I haven't thought about Seunghoon-ssi once. For real! I only thought of him just then, writing this. It hasn't been long but, god, Shiwoo really takes my mind off of my troubles.

I'll keep you updated!

Xoxo Sunny

September 4th, 2017

Today, there was a new girl in the dorms. She's an unnie named Jiwon and, right from the start, I couldn't help but notice how sad she looked. Even if it wasn't in her face, I probably would have felt it coming off of her in waves. So, I did my best to cheer her up!

She asked me to help her re-dye her hair so I did! I'm an expert, you know? Years of teenage daughter of a musician rebellion actually paid off today lol. She seemed really appreciative, and I'm glad that I was able to put a smile on her face, even if just for a little bit. I hope we become close friends so I can keep making her smile!

Xoxo Sunny

September 10th, 2017

Uhm okay, so crazy life experience alert!!! Heenim chose me ME to be the opener for the Lingerie Show the company's hosting (in partnership with someone, i don't remember who. rip). It's my first ever legit performance without the band or even an instrument. Yeah, it's just gonna be me singing and dancing. By myself. With a dance crew but BY MYSELF. so I'm sweatin'!! But I'm also so so excited! This is such a big opportunity for me and I hope I don't choke or screw it up somehow.

Here's hoping~

Xoxo Sunny

September 15th, 2017

Okay, remember when I was freaking about performing on my own? Well turns out I crushed it!! Heenim was so impressed that he chose me to be a member of the company's first group! hello??? This is HUGE! I was hoping he'd be putting together a band so I could play bass, but it's fine. I'll take what I get. None of this is really "normal" Sunny, anyway, so, when in Rome. Who knows, I might just like singing and dancing more than I think!

The other girls (Krystal, Mina, Mimi, and Jiwon unnie (!!)) chose me to be the leader, which seems insane but okay. Again, when in Rome. It's so much pressure but I'm gonna do my best not to let them down. I, Lee Sunhee, will be the greatest leader ever!!

Anyway, I'm really excited to be debuting but, at the same time, I know that's less time with Gyu and Myung oppas and Yeji. That's gonna be tough. We've been like glue for three years :(

Still, I'll push through! I'll call and text and videocall and smoke signal them often!!

Xoxo Sunny

P.S. after reading over this and the last entry I kind of feel bad...or nervous? I feel like I might get a lot of flack for being the object of favoritism or something, since I'm not nearly as talented as the other trainees. Is that crazy? lol

P.P.S. even with the news, Jiwon unnie seems really sad still. I hope she can find happiness soon.

November 1st, 2017

Gelly (one of my little trainee friends! He's the CUTEST kid) wanted a Halloween party, so our other friend threw it at his beach house. (Some of these people are insanely rich omg). It was super fun, even though I spent most of the time comforting Jiwon unnie.

I'm honestly just glad everyone else had fun. Call it the mom or older sister instinct or whatever lol. I didn't mind. The party wasn't for me anyway, so I don't mind spending most of it like that.

Once unnie seemed okay though, I did get to venture around a bit! Woo-ya (that's what I call Shiwoo now, we're close enough!) showed up fashionably late and I spent the rest of the party with him. I'm not gonna lie, I think I *really* like him..

A couple of days later, the companies hosted a Halloween showcase. As per my usual m.o., I was super nervous, but I had fun! I got to MC along with a girl from the other company, Rena. She seems really experienced in hosting so I hope to learn a lot from her. Everyone who performed did really well too! It was fun and a GREAT way to destress! I hope we do this every year.

Xoxo Sunny

P.s. I dressed like a 20's flapper at the party and a 60's reporter for the showcase. It was a self-imposed retro theme lol

P.p.s I really really miss the band. Like, a lot. We don't talk as much as we want since we're all so busy. I know it sounds shitty but I really hope their new bassist isn't as good as me. Or as fun as me. I hope they miss me as badly as I miss them.

December 26th, 2017

It's been a while, I know! I'm finally catching a break because of the holidays and I spent Christmas Eve with Gyu and Myung, and Yej. God, I missed them! I don't even know why I was worried last time!

We've all been so busy with jobs and them performing and me practicing that we never get to see each other like we used to. It was a simple celebration: we opened the gifts we got each other and watched old American Christmas movies in my apartment all day.

We kinda just picked back up where we'd left off, like nothing was changed. I felt so relieved when I realized it and started crying. Of course, I got clowned by everyone and it only made me happier which, obviously, made things worse lol.

I want to do things like that all the time.

It sucks that we can't.

I hope things will smooth out a bit more and I can spend my free time with my best friends.

Xoxo Sunny

P.s. I got a dog for Christmas! My mom got him for me when she and the boys came to visit. I've named him (get ready, it's a mouthful) El Perro Del Nombre Diablo. Diablo for short. EPdND if we're being extra. He's a pomsky and THE CUTEST thing I've ever seen. I'm simply obsessed! He's the love of my life.

February 6th, 2018

So, this guy from the other company randomly challenged all of Petal to a one-on-one competition, each Petal pitted against a Wishy. I'm not entirely sure why (he's ALWAYS doing stuff like this and being, generally annoying and combative...is that the word? idk). I don't know his story so I'm not gonna judge, but geez! It wouldn't kill some people to just be nice and pleasant for a second.

Anyway, I did Secret by Gain sunbaenim and I wasn't nervous! Not really, anyway. I think all this practice and being shoved onto a stage has really started to pay off. I was pretty damn hot if I do say so myself- Looks like I'm getting the hang of this whole idol thing!!

I actually ended up winning too??? I went against this girl who was an AMAZING singer so I don't feel like I should have won, but I'll take it! I got a lot of compliments on my °. ✧stage presence ✧.°

The CEO of the other company treated us all to dinner since Petal won overall (whoo~ go Petal gang!!) It was really fun being with all my company mates for a casual meal. And obviously I had a ton of fun with the DD girls and the ACE boys (have I mentioned them? They're a boy group that Heenim's working on. Our brother group!). We're all like siblings, me and the boys. I love them to death!

Speaking of groups, debut prep is going well. I just...didn't think it'd take this long. I also kinda feel like my members and I aren't as close as we should be. When I look at the ACE boys and how close and loving they are (and how close I am to them), it just feels like me and the girls are total strangers living in one house. They're all so terse and/or quiet...I don't know how to act around them. Jiwon unnie is kind of easy, except for when she's not feeling the best.

I hope things get better.

Xoxo Sunny

February 19th, 2018

UHM HELLO??? Big things happening in Sunny Land!

So, I went on a date with Ongdongie today (yeah, I came up with that lol. He acts like he hates it, but he hasn't told me to stop calling him that either). He took me to this place that sells tacos inspired by cultures around the world. I tried the octopus and the tuna ones from Japan. They were weird but honestly really good! I'd go back!

Ongdongie also told me something really important about himself. I won't share it because it's not my business to tell. But, I just...want him to be happy. He deserves the world and the stars and the sun and the moon. Everything, really!

After that though, he told me he LOVES me! He's already said it before, but this time...this time was really different. The vibes were different. It made my heart nearly burst. I really love him too. Seriously!

I hope we stay together forever. I hope we stay happy forever.

It might be unrealistic and stupid and whatever else, but I think he's the one.

Xoxo Sunny

March 9th, 2018

Two people hurt my feelings this week.

I know. I know. That's a childish way of phrasing it, but...I can't really articulate any other way. That's how it felt. Like my feelings had been just...really, really hurt.

It was two of the people I expected it from the least. I won't go into details but...I don't like the way it sits inside my heart. It wasn't even that big of a deal, but...I guess it was the straw that broke the camel's back? A lot has been going on between debut uncertainty and things with my members and missing my family and friends back home. It's just been heavy.

Anyway, for hours I kept on feeling like I really had to cry - my eyes watered a few times and I had this weighted feeling in my sinuses - but the tears never actually fell. It's times like this that I really miss Gyu and Myung oppas. I miss being able to drop by their apartment and just talk about things and have a good cry. They make it easy to feel comfortable enough to cry. Here in Seoul...I just feel so confined...I miss Iksan.

I tried doing some composing on my violin (Yep, I got back into that) and then piano, then guitar, but I couldn't focus because of how bad I felt. My mind just kept drifting back to the encounters and replaying them word for word like some broken record. It was one a.m. when I finally gave up, but I couldn't sleep.

I didn't want to call Shiwoo because I know he doesn't sleep nearly enough and I didn't want to wake him on the off chance that he actually was sleeping. I didn't want to call Dong or Seungdong either... cause I'm their rock. How can I be a rock for them if I'm sobbing into the receiving end of my phone to them in the middle of the night? I ended up calling Hangyu-oppa at around 1:30ish. I was so relieved when he picked up that I actually started crying. And my kind, selfless, overbearing oppa instantly started panicking and I could hear him shuffling around like he was putting on clothes and getting ready to come get me.

Iksan is over an hour away from Seoul.

I had to force myself to calm down so I could actually speak and explain everything. To explain that I wasn't in immediate harm and that he didn't have to come out of his way. We started off talking about how I felt, but eventually, it just became a nice catch-up. We had a really long conversation. 2

hours and some change. It made me feel a little better about things, but...I don't know... I've got to try harder to keep people happy and beat back the feelings telling me to just go home. I'll do my best.

Xoxo Sunny

March 20, 2018

Shiwoo and I missed our 6 monthiversary like FOOLS so we made up for it with what I like to call The Great Late Date! (both in time elapsed and time of day lol). First, we went to a video game bar and even though he totally obliterated me at Mario, I had the most fun I've had in a while. The food was really good too and the European guys running the place were nice and had interesting stories to tell, so I'll definitely be going back. Maybe it'll be my new haunt hehe

After the bar, we went out to the beach and started a little bonfire for just the two of us. I brought s'mores stuff, so we made s'mores and had as much fun as you can have on a beach at 11 o'clock at night. We got into a sandball fight. Or, well, I threw sand at him first after he splashed me and it went on from there. We got into the last taxi of the night all covered in sand, so we paid the driver extra for the clean up lol. By the end of the night, I was sooo tired but so so so happy. He sang to me as I was falling asleep in the cab. Even though we both had training and other schedules early in the morning, I didn't regret any of it or the getting home at half-past one. It was the best date and I hope we make it to year one. We can make the Great Late Date a tradition and always celebrate a few days later!

Xoxo Sunny

April 5th, 2018

We held a birthday party for Jiwon unnie~

It was super last minute on the planning because we've all been so busy, but it was a good time, nonetheless. Jiwon unnie even cried, which I totally didn't expect (and I might have panicked a little, thinking we fucked up) but I'm glad she was happy. I love seeing her happy because it's always so rare. She deserves all the happiness.

It was a really simple party, nothing flashy or loud because that's not her thing. It was fun though, and I've really realized over these past couple of years that it's the little things.

DD was able to relax together for the first time in a while, even though we're not all on the same page still. Krystal and Jiwon are definitely warmer than before, but Mina and Mimi...I don't know. I can't help but feel like I'm screwing up somewhere as a leader.

I can't understand why they won't talk to me directly about anything. One time I tried to hold a "family" dinner and Mimi up and left to find/hang out with her girlfriend even though she'd been completely chilling before.

Anyway, that was a tangent nobody asked for lol.

I'm sure things will get better. They have to, right?

Xoxo Sunny

April 10, 2018

So today was a really big, fun day!

A bunch of us from Petal AND W1sh have gotten close over the past few months/year/it varies for individuals and we all went to the movies together! I swear it was like 15 of us in that theater lobby and I feel so bad for the staff, but it was fun! It was me, of course, the ACE boys, Shiwoo, Minah, Baekhyun, Yebin, Jisoo...just a lot of us okay.

We got A LOT of stares from the other people in the place (I think some people might have recognized us from all the trainee activities). Overall though, we just seemed like a bunch of insane kids, 15 deep in a movie theater lol

It was really fun to just hang out with everybody, and I hope we do things like that again in the future. The movie was really good too, but that was hardly the highlight of the night! It was just the fact that everyone was together and relaxing and enjoying a good movie that made it all good and worth the time.

Guys, let's do it again~

Xoxo Sunny

April 18th, 2018

I honestly have so little to write but I wanted to talk about this. Lovesick Sunny incoming!!

Shiwoo and I haven't been able to have much time alone these days. He's busy choreographing for the company and doing his own training. I'm busy with debut prep (we're done recording and are looking to film the MV really soon!!). And, really, it just hasn't been enough time for us to do what we want. So, he proposed that we practice together. Kill two birds with one totally romantic stone!

God, I love this guy! He's just so cute and considerate. He really gets me.

So, I made lunch (I even cut up the fruit in cute little shapes) and we spent the whole day practicing together. I showed him my progress on the DD title track dance (he choreographed it, we love a talented king!) and he showed me what he'd been working on and it was just a good, wholesome time. I'm really looking forward to future dates like this~

Xoxo Sunny

P.s. Baek got me another dog! It was so unexpected but SO SWEET. I love that kid! This lil baby's name is Ozzi. So it's Diablo and Ozzi, the two halves of my mom-heart.

January 29th, 2020 ((2 years after previous entry))

It's been a really long time, wow.

I got really busy first and then a million things started happening at once and I either couldn't find the time to write or the will to do so. But here I am, trying again. I have a lot to talk about, so sit tight!

First of all, Diamond Divas never debuted. We got so close to D-Day that we released video and image teasers! Teasers!! But then things just stopped suddenly. And Heenim wouldn't even explain why.

After a while, Mimi left without a word and then Mina left because of family troubles. So, we had to restart a bit. The company added a Thai girl named Mint as our new rapper and she's so cute! I adore her and she's easily one of my best friends now. So, with Mintty, we started working to debut again with a new song, a new album entirely. It took a while, but we got to the recording bit and recorded our solos.

Then...things just stopped again. For us and for the ACE boys, who'd also been preparing their album for ages. It seemed like we couldn't catch a break!

So, we all decided to leave. (Most of us, anyway. Mintty stayed and debuted with her solo song! So proud of her!! Not long after that, though, the company closed. She's okay, don't worry! She's doing big things that are a whole other story! Just know that, again, I'm so proud of her!)

It felt great leaving together with my favorite people. I didn't feel as scared because of that, but I did feel stifled and lost in Korea.

So, I went back to California for the first time since high school. I took about a year off to just...I don't know, find myself? I kept in contact with everyone, of course. I'd die without my loved ones like a pixie or something lol.

I'm most grateful to Shiwoo in that time. He wanted to stay in Seoul, but he kept in contact with me! We tried the long-distance thing and conquered it. Not to be dramatic, but that's some true love stuff right there!! Besides him, nowadays, I speak to Mint the most - daily tbh. Sometimes I catch up with Youngjae and even less Jinyoung and Krystal, but it's still something. I haven't spoken to anyone else though, they're a lot harder to get a hold of than I thought lol. But people grow apart, I know that.

As for Minha and Mimi, specifically...we never really resolved whatever was happening between us. That still kind of weighs on me a bit, but I think I'm getting over it. I know I can't be liked by everyone and I did my best as a leader. Good relationships are a two-way street and I walked to the intersection even when they wouldn't.

Anyway! After leaving Petal, I'm putting myself out there as a songwriter and producer! I'm playing all of my instruments a lot more, really sitting down and cranking out music more than I ever could as a trainee, and we got the band back together! Yes, Radiant is back to its og members and only its og members! God, I missed playing with those dorks!

Oh and Ongdongie and I moved in together! We're really happy :)

I think leaving Petal was really good for me. Seriously!

Here's to a new, refreshed Lee Sunheel

Xoxo Sunny

November 15th, 2020

It's been one hell of a year! First of all, Shiwoo and I decided that our little apartment wasn't enough space for us. It's us and two hyper dogs and we need living space, guest space, office, and studio space, so we bought a cute little house! It's honestly my dream home, and it's got the most magical terrace space that I've been having a BLAST hosting get-togethers on.

Besides that, Radiant has been doing better than ever! We all have our primary jobs, of course, but we get together as often as possible to put out new music and perform at bars and festivals. Myung is finally doing his service and we miss him a ton, but the Do twins are doing a good job of filling his spot now and then (even though they're not nearly as...him as he is lol.) I remember the night we sent him off like it was yesterday. We all got so drunk but I felt nothing but happiness and pride sending my baby oppa off to do the big E.

Biggest news of all: I started my own business!! Yeah, business woman Sunny! CEO/Owner/Founder Sunny! It all has a good ring to it, right? It's a creative coworking space called *drum roll* the Sun Room! I wanted to give artists and writers and youtubers and all that a place to just do their thing, be it painting, writing, editing, or filming or anything! I just wanted a place for people with similar interests to vibe together if they're like me and get seriously distracted at home. In between his photography work, Dong is helping out at the front desk and Seungdong comes through now and then too when he's not too busy with uni. So, it's like a family business and I absolutely love it. We're closer now than we've been in years. I blame trainee life for keeping me away from my little boys :(but I'm glad we get to just hang out whenever we want now!

Looking back, almost a year after the previous entry, I think it's safe to say I was depressed when I first left Petal. That's why I kind of ran away to another country haha. But things are really looking up lately and I went to therapy and all that.. I'm looking forward to seeing what happens. I'll try to write more often now that life's stabilized a lot more. So, stay tuned~

Xoxo Sunny

June 18th, 2021

It's been 8 months...yikes! I'm sorry, I know I said I'd keep up with this but turns out I'm really really bad at that.

I think it's because I'm in such a good spot. My situation has improved so significantly compared to when I started this diary and I'm also on very stable ground. There's no new exciting news like "omg i'm a trainee now!" "omg, i met a boy!" "omg, i performed this and that". There's also nothing terrible going on where I feel like if I don't write my feelings down they'll eat away at me from the inside. Instead, I'm just living day-by-day and enjoying it. Sometimes cool things happen and I experience neat stuff, but other times, things are very mundane. And I honestly like it that way.

I like spending my days hanging around with Seungdonggie and Dong at the Sun Room. Sometimes Dong is on shift, sometimes Seungdong, sometimes just me. Sometimes all three of us will be there! Those are the best days~ Seungdonggie does his uni assignments, Dong edits his photos and updates his site, and I try to crank out some songs. When any of us need a break, we goof off for a while until someone walking in needs their reservation honored.

I like spending some evenings performing with Radiant. Jaemyung was on vacation the other week and we got to play with him for the first time in a year. Then we had drinks. The gig was at the bar where our very first gig was. So, it was nostalgic, and we sat right in the booth we sit in every time we go. And that's how most shows go: performance, drinks, and then we all pile into Chaerin-unnie's van (she's pregnant so she's always the DD) and she drops us off at whoever's house happens to be closest.

I like doing little fun things in between, with friends and/or Ongdonggie. Road trips, beach trips, hiking, picnics, the zoo, seeing brand new cafes and pop ups, just walking around the neighborhood shopping streets . I just REALLY love being able to spend time with the people I love. Back when I was a trainee, I rarely got to do that. Going out with my members and the ACE boys was fun but it was always every couple of weeks or a month with our schedules and it was a little suffocating to keep our silly images in mind. And with constantly being on my toes around Minha and Mimi. I much prefer being relaxed and loved.

So yeah, I'm really enjoying this simple life that I never imagined myself living! I admit it and I'll scream it to the heavens. Only, it's 3 am right now (I randomly got the urge to open this and write, idk) so, I'll scream it out later.

I honestly don't have much (more) to say now and I'm not sure if I will have anything extra exciting to say tomorrow. Or the day after. Or a few weeks from now. So, I won't promise to write again soon. I will, however, promise to write again once anything worthwhile happens. So, I'll see you then <3

Xoxo Sunny