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WHY! DON'T GIVE HER AN ELECTRON, POTASSIUM! WE'VE GOT NONE TO SPARE!

ALRIGHT CHLORINE...

PLZ SPARE 1 e⁻ TO COMPLETE MY VALENCE SHELL! ☹

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SODIUM! I NEED JUST ONE ELECTRON! MY VALENCE SHELL IS ALMOST FULL! IF I DON'T GET ONE I'LL STAY VERY UNSTABLE! PLEASE CAN I HAVE ONE? PLEEEAAASE?

WHO ARE YOU?!

I'M FLUORINE! OF THE HALOGEN FAMILY! IT'S QUITE SHAMEFUL FOR ME TO BE BEGGING FOR ELECTRONS, YOU KNOW! ESPECIALLY WHEN MY LESS-REACTIVE COUSIN CHLORINE HAS ALREADY FOUND ONE!

I SEE, WELL...

I GUESS NOW ISN'T THE TIME TO ASK HOW YOU KNOW MY NAME...

YOU CAN HAVE THIS ELECTRON. IF I KEEP IT, I'LL NEED 7 MORE ELECTRONS TO FILL MY VALENCE SHELL, SO I MIGHT AS WELL GET RID OF IT AND—

REALLY? OH MY...

THANK YOU ~!

N-NO PROBLEM...

FLUORINE BECOMES A NEGATIVELY-CHARGED F⁻ ANION, AND SODIUM BECOMES A POSITIVELY-CHARGED Na⁺ CATION.

AND SO, A TOUGH IONIC BOND IS FORMED.

The End

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