

Lucas's POV (SURPRISE)

How do you find a girl who doesn't want to be found?

Valery Maine once known as Valery Austin has disappeared from my life and anyone who knew her before, she vanished.

I shouldn't care, but I do, there was also something about her that had me going crazy, but I could never pin point what exactly, but I know I never stop chasing her, even back when I first saw her at a charity event, we were never close we never could be she was a married woman, so I never tried talking to her, I met Briella, and I thought that would be the end, but after she cheated on me with Noah, I felt like Valery would be the only one who could begin to understand, then she left as well, and I was a jerk to her about it.

He had everything I always wanted yet he still wasn't happy he was ungrateful

He took advantage of her, treated her wrong and yet she still loved him

I can only hope that where ever she is, she is moving on from Noah to someone who can love and treat her the way she deserves to be, even if isn't with me

Some might call me crazy for doing all this effort just for a girl, but she isn't just a girl, in the short time I had spent with her I saw she was different than anyone I have met before

I knew Noah did wrong by her and I was right, he broke her heart, put thoughts in her mind and as usual was ungrateful of her, we had breakfast at my apartment together for the first time in years, she didn't remember me which doesn't surprise me, like her I have changed too, I was hoping she would finally leave him, but she still stayed, then the girl Noah was sleeping with got pregnant and that's when things turned south, she finally divorced him, then left to move on, I made the mistake of letting her go so easily

I realize now I was an ass for not supporting her wishes, and hell if I look back at it she had a good reason to want to leave, I should've come with her, or at least done what she did, even if just for a little bit

"Mr Carmichael" a intern says entering my office "A Jones Hart is here to see you"

"Bring him" I order quickly, not taking my eyes off my work

"Lucas" Jones acknowledges as he enters, before taking a seat he shakes my hand and sits

"Did you find anything" I say in a rush, panic tone

Jones smiled at me, chuckling and shaking his head, I probably looked love sick to him but I didn't care, I have.. No need to find her, even if she doesn't want to be found, I will find her

"We have gotten a lead to where she might be, but were not so sure"

"Then make sure" I snap at him, glaring down at him "I'm going to Hamptons for a meeting that might happen, by the time I'm back I want a solid lead or even better you do what your paid to do, and find her" I practically shout "do I make myself clear" I say through my teeth, angrily

He nodded his head quickly, keeping his face emotionless

I want her found, I need to know that she is okay, that she's happy or safe, and if it means being rude, mean, and bossy to people who can't do their jobs properly than so be it.

I will find her, I will make sure of it

Noah's POV

I have hit a new low, over a year has past since my divorce to Valery, and during that time I have been focusing on my business, and been trying to avoid Leah, I knew that her baby was mine, but I couldn't accept it, it was bad enough we had an affair, she is younger than me, and if I married her New York society will destroy her, and Leah was too pure for this life, I was a bad man, she didn't need me

My mind drifts to Valery I wonder about her sometimes, her uncle refuses to acknowledge me, and my presence, I don't blame him

I was drowning my thoughts in liquor, when suddenly I was disrupted by a knock on my apartment door, forcing myself up away from my drink, I walk to open

"Gezz, you stink" the intruder's voice says as I open the door, her face scrunched up "have you heard of the term 'personal hygiene'" she mocked

"What do you want Briella" I asked boredly, I haven't spoken to her since right after our infidelity went public, I heard she left right after the news was out, I didn't realize she was back

She pouts at me mockingly, before changing it into a smirk, she pushed me aside, entering into my apartment like she owned the place "missed me much?"

"What do you want" I repeat, raising my voice

"Calm down, I am here cause you need me"

I rolled my eyes "you have lost your mind" I reply with a scoff

"You need a girl by your side, and you know it, I am willing to be your girl" she smirks, as she sits on my sofa, removing her heels in the process, I eyed her curiously to her comment

"Who told you I need a girl"

I would think I no longer need one, I was already married, I have a child on the way even if I may not be speaking with the mother of my child

"Do I really need to explain how New York society works, you already know it" she retorts hotly, glaring at me "I cannot for the life of me find a husband or a guy willing to date me, because they know my history with you" she snaps, was she blaming me for her not having a husband? I didn't force her to sleep with me

"I don't need you Briella" I say bluntly

"Come on, it's a win-win and it would clear our names, we can say our affair was based on love"

Was she crazy?

"You can't be serious"

"Oh honey, I am dead serious, trust me you know you need someone by your side to remind of important events, be your partner, and all that stuff, I AM willing to be that partner" she practically shouts, she was starting to make a point, she could probably tell I was thinking about it because she started to smirk at me, she got up walking towards me in an attempt to be sexy "and don't you miss having s*x with me" she purred

I sighed out giving in "fine, get your shit and bring it here, your gonna come with me to a business dinner, wear something hot, this will be your intro as my new girlfriend"