## **Flashback**

curled in a little ball to prevent their kicks from doing even worse damage, and hide his tear stained face "look boys he's crying" "Hey you" she shouted, her arms on her hips like she was a grown up,

"piggy" the two little boys taunted as they kicked the fallen boy who

her scolded tone got the attention of all the boys as they looked at her stunned, even the boy who was curled on the ground took a peek at the brave little girl, his eyes took instant notice of her pingtails "leave him alone" she boldy scolded as she stopped towards them "and why would we do that" they countered glaring at her

"glad you ask" she says as she kneels to the ground picking up a few

stones and throwing it towards them the little boys instantly ran o, while the one curled was still frozen in

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his place afraid to move in fear she might hurt him next "hey its okay" she coaxed her voice so en as she knelled down by him, placing a comforting hand on his back

he hesitantly li ed his head to see her smiling down at him, he put his head back down ashamed of his tears

"you didnt have to help me"

"I wanted to"

girl was helping him

"thank you"

"don't mention it, now get up lets go get some fruit punch" she says

as she pushes herself up, putting out her hand for him he hesitated but took it none the less, his mind curious to why this

"I don't know if this helps but don't let their words get to you, you can always lose weight, they on the other hand will always be bullies"

he gave her a sad smile "it does a little bit I suppose"

"I'm glad, by the way I'm Valery"

with a bright smile she replied "I can see we are gonna be good

friends Henry"

"Henry"

recognize him"

"I am so happy you two reunited" My Aunt Jane gushed as she hastily flipped through photo albums "you two were always so cute

"I still can't believe his name is actually Lucas, and that I didn't

together"

PRESENT TIMES (about like 3 weeks a er the kiss)

"Don't beat yourself up, even I didn't recognize him, the last I saw of him was when you two first started highschool, and before his mother passed, did you ask him why he went by Henry before, why he le, and where did he leave to?"

I felt like I was in an interview, I let out a so laugh at my aunts

when I first found out everything "His full name is Henry Lucas, but started going by Lucas a er he le to start fresh he said" It wasn't hard to understand why Lucas/Henry wanted to go by Lucas, Henry was a anchor to his past, the person he once was, I understood

ramble of questions, but I can't really blame her I was just like that

that better than anyone, Lucas was the name he used to reinvent himself, just like I used Vallie to reinvent myself "so tell me what happened a er you kissed him" yes I told her about the kiss when it first happened, I needed some

guidance a shoulder to lean on and a pair of ear to listen, and a wise mind to guide me, and my Aunt Jane was fit the description perfectly,

he want me? flew straight out the window

all be busy themselves especially since the reveal for the hotel is near I smile to self just thinking about the kiss and the last three weeks, its been blissful he was the calm to my storm. all doubt I had in the moment, what to do? what happens next? does

I needed to tell someone, I couldn't tell the girls yet since they have

watching movies or something" "That's good to hear, I'm glad your happen, any disagreements yet?"

"I see you two are still in the honeymoon phase of your relationship"

"We are taking things slow for now" I say with a smile "we went on a

few dates but mostly just eating in and spending the night in

with furrowed brows I asked "is that a bad thing?"

you very happy"

"How can I know?" I ask so ly

"Ya on who is the stronger hero" I chuckle out

a relationship remember and sometimes the first few months can get pretty hard" I know she didnt mean to o end me, degrade or scare me about my

relationship with Lucas but I couldnt help but feel fear and self doubt,

my insecurities started to get the best of me again on whether me

"No, not at all sweetie, just enjoy it while it lasts, fights are normal in

and Lucas would work out, what if once we fight he will give up, or he realizes he doesnt want a CEO's Ex-wife "I know it can be scary, but you cant let your fear stop you from missing out on something, or in this case someone; that can make

"Thank you Aunt Jane" I say as I wrapped my arms around her "How did you become so wise" "Well I am married to your Uncle"

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"You face your fears, and don't give up" she smiled encouragingly

I laughed out at her reply, and she did make me feel better I felt silly for worrying so quickly she is right I shouldn't let fear get in my way

A er my Aunts place I headed home to Lucas, the thought and the

bubbly and excited to see him, sometimes at work we weren't

feeling going home to a person who is waiting for me, made me feel

together, and the hours apart felt like years to me, I always wondered

what he was doing, if he was avoiding me, or if he was happy that I

wasn't bothering him, but the second I come home, and he flashes

me his smile I am weak to my knees

raised brow I looked at him amused

I was like a love sick teenager

As I opened the door, my eyes widen in horror at the sight before me Lucas with a fire extinguisher in hand, looking completely flabbergasted, his once clean white shirt was cricked and messy, his hair un brushed, while smoke filled the kitchen setting o the fire alarm I sight was picture worthy but I didnt have time since I rushed to o the alarm before the sprinklers went o

As I turned it o, my eyes met with his, as he stood in front of me with

his head lowered rubbing the back of his neck as he swayed back and

forth, I stayed silent, biting back the laugh that wanted to slip, with a

but I wasn't sure how to cook rice, and honestly I don't know where I went wrong with the chicken" he finished with a pout

my heart practically jumped out of chest, at his e orts "it was a good

attempt" I say encouragingly as I walk to the kitchen drawer "should

"okay so don't be pissed" he hastily said causing the laugh I was

holding in slip from my lips "I wanted to cook you chicken and rice,

we order pizza or chinese" I ask holding up the two menu's "chinese food all the way" he answered, almost jumping up and down his playful nature was one of the things I find attractive

A er our food came we sat on the couch eating and watching a movie together, I was leaning into his body, enjoying his embrace, our clothes werent o and yet I felt like fire next to him, a fire that I never

I gave him a warm smile "happier than ever before" I answered

honestly, as I cupped his cheek "You're perfect, I am so lucky" he says before lowering his head down to kiss me

"Do I make you happy" he asked

"I like the way you think" I reply with a smirk

"what can I say my brain is pretty impressive"

wanted to stop

ANYOF YOU GUYS HAVE ANY HOTEL NAME IDEASS IM COMPLETELY STUCK ON WHAT TO CALL IT ANY SUGGESTIONS?

HELLOOO GUYS I HOPE U LIKE THIS UPDATE I WAS WONDERING IF

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