

THE CONNECTING BETRAYAL PART ONE

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FADE IN

INT. THE COBURN HOME - MORNING

VALERIE COBURN in her early 50's the Protagonist. An attractive, auburn-colored hair a slender figure stand poise and stoic, as friends and others comforted her.

VALERIE

( Smiles )

Thank you so much Henri for joining us today. George was very fond of you.

Valerie walks away as her guests heads out for solitude. She enters a spacious living room. A giant self- portrait of a handsome George, looms above his Urn.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Whispering )

Oh, George I'm sorry for all the fights and arguments we had, it was such a waste of time. I will always love you. I hope you knew that.

She lights a small memorial candle.

FLASHBACKS

BABY

( whimpering )

O wha ... O aha, wah ...

A fire fighter prepping food for dinner hears a strange sound.

EXT. FIRE STATION - NIGHT

In distress a baby's whimpering cries got louder.  
O wha ...O aha, wah, waa !

A baby abandoned in front of a Fire Station Department in Las Vegas, Nevada.

BABY VALERIE 6 months old adopted by two retired University Professors.

MOM RONNIE

( Overjoyed )

Oh Alex, she's so perfect and beautiful ... and spunky... look at her eyes she understands what we're saying ... awww yes you do... what should we call her ? Maybe Lourdes and her nickname will be Lord? No she will end up killing us.

And Alexandria will not work either. We will call you Valerie for strength." Okay baby girl? Look she smiled!

A challenging teenager who kept herself busy with Theaters and performing Arts. Valerie's parents were both women. She was the main topic for boys who wanted her attention.

BULLY BOY

( Rude )

Hey Valerie Whatcha doing tonight?  
Can we come over and watch your moms do it?

Three side kick boys bullying.

VALERIE

( Exasperated )

Go fuck yourselves cunts!

Valerie never knew who her biological parents. She respected her moms

Valerie (23) gets her first job working as a restaurant Server and Hostess.

Valerie working at a Japanese restaurant. Three months later, her boss BRENDA CHEN, a pretty petite lady was hugging a tall-handsome gentleman. GEORGE COBURN a Philanthropist and Real estate land developer. Brenda walks him to a private booth and signals for Valerie.

INT. JAPANESE RESTAURANT - DAY

BRENDA

( Sarcastic )

GEORGE COBURN meet my most valued employee, Valerie. She started three months ago, which you wouldn't know because you haven't been here. Valerie is a student at the University. Valerie, please take care of Mr. Coburn. Oh, and George, be nice to her.

GEORGE

( Chuckles )

What do you mean by that? I have always been excellent with people. Okay... most valued employee good to meet you.

Brenda walks away, smirking at him.

VALERIE

( Smiles shyly )

Hello its nice to meet you Mr. Coburn

Valerie stares up at George. She lays the menu down. George takes a seat. His blue eyes never leaves Valerie.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Stammering )

Well... um Mr. Coburn... I'm sure you have already memorize everything in that menu. Is there something different that you might want to try ? I can come back if your not ready... yet

GEORGE

( Cheeky smile )

Just George please... you know my first name. Ah yeah, maybe I'm ready and I will try something new, most valued employee...

Valerie's moms were against the older man relationship. Over time, they could not stop their daughter.

On their first date, George takes Valerie to the Bellagio Casino.

INT. BELLAGIO CASINO - NIGHT

VALERIE

( Excited )

Where are we going first? Are you taking me to the Casino? Which one are we going to?  
I've always wanted to watch that thing you know the water show at the Bellagio ...

GEORGE

( Laughing )

Alright alright catch your breath. We will go wherever your heart desires.

EXT. FOUNTAINS OF BELLAGIO - NIGHT

Valerie rocks out to the choreographed range of music, and captivating lights of soaring Water jets on man made lake.

VALERIE

( Mesmerized )

Wow, oh George this is so beautiful and romantic. Thank you.

George watches Valerie enjoying every detail of the show.

GEORGE

( Happy )

My pleasure, are you ready for the next fun ... take my hand , let's go!

INT. WYNN CASINO - NIGHT

George's driver takes them to the Wynn Casino.

GEORGE

( Smiles )

Here is \$500 for your first start at the Blackjack table. Show me what you've got baby.

Valerie wins a triple sevens automatic pay of \$500 cash.

VALERIE

( Thrilled )

Oh yeah baby! Look at that George, your my lucky charm. Let's drink Champaign!

Valerie is on a winning streak, and wins \$2,400.00 a Minor Jackpot at the slot machine.

They were hammered and enjoying themselves.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

(Hiccups and laughs )

Here you go, Georgie. I believe  
I owe you \$500 dollars. Thank you.  
What do you want do now?

GEORGE

( Chuckles )

Hey, wait a minute. Is this all I  
get? I should be getting fifty  
percent out of that \$2,400 plus the  
\$500, ah lets see thats \$2,900.  
I've been counting. Wait, wait I  
must be drunk. I am drunk... you  
also won \$500 at the Blackjack  
table. So that's \$3,400!

VALERIE

( Giggling )

Oh yeah, so thats what you've been  
doing Mr. Coburn ha... counting?  
Well if you want more, you'll have  
to catch me first!

George in a standstill tipsy and scratching his head.

Valerie trots away playfully and runs around, dancing through  
the crowds.

George catches up to Valerie and pulls her in.

GEORGE

( Chuckles )

He closes the gap between them.

So, now that I've caught you what  
should we do about it ? Are you  
gonna hand over my share or ...ah

VALERIE

( Seductive )

No... no but, I would rather give  
you a kiss like this ...

Valerie kisses him hard, and George reciprocates  
passionately.

Casino patrons in the background were annoyed by the  
distractions, Security people ignored them.

INT. WEDDING DAY - DAY

Valerie stands with her handsome groom their simple ceremony of 50 guests. Valerie's mothers were beaming with pride.

Valerie leaves George side and went to her Mothers .

VALERIE

( Teary )

Moms please don't cry now, I don't want us to redo our make-ups. I want to thank you both for giving me a wonderful life. I am very grateful. I love you guys so much.

Valerie wore an white off-shoulder fitted dress that hugged her slim waist, it fell to the floor. With a pair of diamond chandelier earrings, along with a 5-carat diamond ring.

George is in a light gray linen suit with a white shirt and light gray silk necktie.

INT. WEDDING RECEPTION - DAY (CONT'D )

George and Valerie first dance to At Last.

GEORGE

( Smiles and Whispers )

Are you happy my love? I want you to promise me to always enjoy everything out of your life. Will you promise me that?

Valerie kept silent in George's arms.

INT. HOSPITAL - LABOR AND DELIVERY

One year later at the hospital, Valerie is in labor pushing and birthing their first son they named him ANDREW.

INT. HOME - TWO YEAR'S LATER - NIGHT

George comes home and kicks the front door behind him.

He strides up the stairs and into the primary bedroom searching for something creating a commotion.

GEORGE

( Agitated )

Shit where is it ...

(MORE)

GEORGE (CONT'D)

dammit why can't I ever find what I'm looking for around here! It's always being move.

VALERIE

( Confused )

Hey honey what's going on? What are you looking for? Can I help you with it ... whatever your looking for? You don't have to make such noise, you almost woke Andrew up. Did something happen at the office? George! Are you even listening to me?

George sat in silence ignoring Valerie's questions.

GEORGE

( Disgusted )

Yea , nothing now forget it, go back to whatever you were doing .

George glance at Valerie, and hastens away to refute her assertion. He raced down the stairs, Valerie follows behind dismayed at the foot of the stairs.

The sound of George car ignition driving away.

INT. HOME - EVENING

VALERIE

( Shouting )

What did I do wrong this time! I don't understand you!

Valerie holding a cup of tea waits for George. She falls asleep with the baby monitor.

EXT. PARKING LOT - EVENING

A black Mercedes parks behind a restaurant. He unlocks the door with his key walking towards a short hallway and knocks lightly on a private door.

Brenda opens the door and let's George in.

BRENDA

( Delighted )

What took you so long handsome, Ive missed you lover...

GEORGE

( Whispers )

Yea, Im sorry but I'm here now...  
come here stand in front of me,  
undress yourself slowly, very slow  
yea thats it, turn around and  
face...

INT. HOME - EVENING

Hours later George returns home. He walks out of the powder room, and see Valerie asleep on the sofa.

Valerie immediately startled by George's touch.

VALERIE

( Angry )

What the hell is going on? Where  
have you been ? Please don't touch  
me I don't like the way you smell!

George backs away and does not give his wife an answer.

GEORGE

( Guilty )

Hey I'm sorry honey I just had a  
hard day thats all, everything will  
be alright. Can you forgive this  
old man just this once ?

Valerie stayed quiet, and moves away from George.

VALERIE

( Bothered )

I accept your apologies, don't let  
this shit happen again. I'm going  
to bed. You should take a shower  
George.

A year and half later.

Valerie pregnant with their second child gave birth to another boy they named COOPER.

Valerie and George had differences, their stress and tension heightened. The constant bickering made the Nannies quit.

Valerie calls her parents.

Valerie's moms listens to her situation and complaints.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Crying )

I can't do this anymore, I want a divorce. I think he is having an affair. With who? I don't know mom, if I knew that, I would go and kick her ass and strangle her mom. My hormones are severe and I'm angry all the time and having mood swings. I need your help until I can interview another Nanny and maybe a new dam housekeeper!

Three years later...

George walks into the house, the boys greet their father like a king. Andrew a four year-old toddler and Cooper two and half year old. They shower George with drooling affection.

GEORGE

( Chuckling )

Oh no monsters are coming! Please don't eat me. Mommy come here and save me, before I get eaten up alive! Help me ahhhh

The little boys goes wild enjoying their dad who gives them both a horsey ride.

An eight month pregnant Valerie joins in on the fun.

INT. HOSPITAL - DAY ( CONT'D )

( P.O.V )

George and Valerie their happier days and a third child.

The sound of a baby's heartbeat from the monitor fills the room.

VALERIE

( Labor Screams )

I don't want to do this anymore. I don't George! Ohh my body can't take it, I need something! Ow.. George it's time!

GEORGE

( Worried )

Ok ok I'm pushing the the button. Yeah we are ready I mean my wife is ready she's pushing! Hurry up!

George at her bedside held his wife. A baby daughter they named MARGARET was born.

Valerie was exhausted from losing blood. Valerie covered in heated blankets while her Obstetrician worked on repairing her.

The nurses takes the baby to wash and examine. George holding his baby daughter. George goes over to his wife's side and lays the baby on her chest. He sits holding Valerie's hand.

GEORGE (CONT'D)

( Emotional )

You are so beautiful and I love you so much. And look at this beauty... she is going to be gorgeous and fierce like you honey. I'll bet on it. Three is a charm Val.

VALERIE

( Chuckles )

Without a doubt I will agree. Hey Doc are you done with me down there? Hopefully you repaired me like a teenager again. I don't want this guy leaving me for a younger woman!

INT. INAUDIBLE - RONALD REAGAN UCLA MEDICAL CENTER ONCOLOGY

An older George (72) holds hands with Valerie as they silently listen to two Oncologist specialists. Valerie wipes her eyes as George hugs and comforts her.

INT. HOME - PRESENT - DAY

VALERIE

( Intangible )

When is this going to be over? I need to get out of here. I don't want to be here. Where are you? What are you doing?

INT. KITCHEN - MARBLE ISLAND - DAY

( P.O.V )

Valerie helps her housekeeper, TANYA GONZALES clean up.

Valerie's adult children, approaching the kitchen. Valerie's cell phone texts tone alerts.

VALERIE

( Texting )

There you are ...will have to text  
you later I promise. My kids are  
about to be in the kitchen with me.  
Sorry

Her firstborn son, ANDREW 29, a tall, handsome, dark-haired, unshaven face. A Business Degree in Law - UCLA. An analytical person and always a logical thinker.

Her second son, COOPER, 27, has dark blond hair. A slim build with rips of muscles. Charismatic locks of curly rocker-style hair. A fitness guru and a professional physical trainer accompanies his brother Andrew.

Their sister, MARGARET 25, trailing behind her brothers. Margaret is of average height, brown-haired, has a curvaceous figure, fierce natured beauty, a strict-nonsense personality. Margaret owns a small European style boutique that sells hats and accessories in Melrose.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Smiling )

Valerie quickly drops her phone into her Hermes bag.

Hey guys, hi Marge. What are you  
all up to? Are you all getting  
ready to leave now, too ? Thank you  
for helping out today with our  
guests.

ANDREW

( Eager )

No, not yet, we wanted a chance to  
catch up with you. How are you  
doing? Is there anything we can do  
for you? I'm sorry, today must have  
been kinda tough for you. Grandma's  
are all gone, now Dad. Making small  
talks with Dad's old friends, they  
were not very friendly with you  
back then. But, at least it was  
kind of them to come for Pops  
family. He didn't have many friends  
left, and I think you did a good  
job Mom. It was nice and simple a  
humbling memorial.

VALERIE

( Sniffles )

Thanks for saying that. It's fine  
thats life as you know it.

Valerie grabs for her checkbook in her bag.

She writes out Checks for them for three thousand dollars each.

VALERIE (CONT'D)  
( Delightful )

Yes it was lovely wasn't it ? Your dad had a few good ones left. Thank you all. It would be nice if we stayed cordial like this more often. I thought no one would attend or care. But, yeah, kids, I'm okay, just a bit tired now.

Valerie finishes writing out the checks. She hands it to Andrew first.

ANDREW  
( Surprised )

Mom, what is this for? We all have jobs, remember? You don't need to give us money. It's kind of you, but we are good. I can't take this from you, right guys?

Andrew lays it down on the table. Then he looks to Cooper and lightly jab Cooper's arm.

COOPER  
( Chuckling )

Thank you, Momma.  
I love you. I needed this money. I gotta go and get some stuff done for my car. And maybe a couple more tattoos I have been wanting to complete.

He grabs his check and looks up to the ceiling, thanking god and his Father.

MARGARET  
( Annoyed )

Hey bros , guys you're getting sidetracked. And Coop, dude, more Tatts ? Really your still not complete? Thats what you said last time. What will it be this time? Its never ending. Why don't you and I invent something? Maybe we could patent a drink or an accessory for workout gears instead?

(MORE)

MARGARET (CONT'D)

With all due respect, brother, you spend too much time and money on that shit.

COOPER

( chuckling )

Whoa! little sister, your hilarious. What is up with you? Don't forget I'm older than you, little girl. What forlorns you ha? Yeah, yeah, maybe you're right about inventing something together.

But you know what, I like what I do. I'm good at it, You should come in and let me train you. You need to be more toned up, and build some muscles. Now, stop and please leave my Tatts alone okay? They're very cool. Besides women always want to touch me. I'm thinking of putting Dad on my chest next. So, yes Mom, please keep the checks coming anytime.

( O.S. )

Cooper winked at Margaret, and in return, stayed quiet, with crossed arms .

MARGARET

( Rolls her eyes up )

Whatever bro...boring

VALERIE

( Smiles )

You guys are too funny.

Lastly, Valerie hands Margaret a check and waits for a response but does not get one.

What's the matter, Marg? Don't you need it for rent? Please just take it, alright? It would make me feel better that I can still care for you kids. so humor me, will you?

MARGARET

( Shouting )

Mom, please just stop it! You are being ridiculous. We are not here to discuss money matters.

(MORE)

MARGARET (CONT'D)

And why must you always assume that we want money, whenever we are here? It's insulting, and we're not kids anymore, Mom. We are all grown adults and have occupations besides that, we are here for a different reason. We have real concerns about you.

Valerie's face turned unreadable.

VALERIE

( Appalled )

Margaret! What's the matter with you? I will not have you speak rudely to me. If it's not about money, what the hell has gotten in to you ? What concerns do you all have? Why do I suddenly feel I'm on the stand ? What's happening here? What did I do?

Andrew broke the awkwardness between his sister and their mother.

ANDREW

( Letdown )

Hey, come on now, ladies. Why don't we all take this to the living room, where we can sit, relax, and be calm and have a good, logical conversations? I get it. There has been a lot of tension between us, and it's time we discussed our differences and family matters and issues, alright?

COOPER

( Smiling )

Come in ladies, lets take our favorite spot and face each other, because we care right? Well I know I do.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY (CONT'D )

The three sit together. Valerie sits on a single sofa facing them. Defiance crosses her face, she plays with her fingers still wearing her wedding rings.

VALERIE  
( Uncomfortable )  
Please lets get this over with  
I have to go somewhere.

Valerie closes her eyes and waits.

ANDREW  
( Clears his throat )  
Mom please don't feel that we are  
attacking you, because we are not.

VALERIE  
( eyes widened )  
Then what on earth can this be  
about, and what crazy scheme  
brought this on, guys?

( O. S. )

Valerie's PHONE text tone interrupts. Messages appear across the screen, and only Valerie can read the rapid-fire flow of messages.

ANDREW  
( Anxious )  
Mom this is just about catching up  
with you. We want you to know we  
are here for you. We know this is  
difficult, and it's been hard on  
us, too. I'm sorry if we are making  
you feel uncomfortable. But we, the  
three of us, think you should see  
somebody, a Therapist who can help  
you gain some perspective on your  
new life without Dad.

COOPER  
( Interjects )  
Hey mom, Andrew is right. It's the  
best suggestions and advice we can  
give you. Jesus, who the hell keeps  
texting you so much ? Marge, do you  
have something to add here? I'm  
sure you have a lot to get off your  
chest.

Cooper glances over to his sister and nudged her.

MARGARET  
( Gently Speaks )  
Mom, I respect you, but please  
listen to us.  
(MORE)

MARGARET (CONT'D)

You were married to Dad for a long time you were still in College. You were very young when you had us and relied on him. I agree with my brothers, and we want you to talk to someone. You don't need to feel wrong about this or be ashamed. If you have any doubts about your life, we believe you will benefit from therapy like I did.

None of you knew, but when Dad was in Hospice, I was seeing a therapist, and she helped me sort out my grief in advance. I think it will do you some good. You need to wake up every day and feel a sense of purpose. Oh my god, who keeps messaging you?

It's interrupting our time with you. Can't you fucking shut it down... it's him isn't it? Your con artist boyfriend, come on! Tell him to stay away from you.

VALERIE

( Shocked )

What are you accusing me of? Having a friend? It's all none of your business.

Valerie had the gumption and defended herself.

INT. LIVING ROOM - DAY

Valerie continues to listen to her children's concerns.

VALERIE

( Conflicted )

Regarding my text messages, I have friends too you know. And no, I can't just fucking shut it down. I don't want to do that. Besides, I am the matriarch of this family. I have every right to do whatever in the hell I want. For the most part, Margaret, it may have seemed that way, but your father relied extensively on me. He also constantly criticized me for my responsibilities here at home.

(MORE)

VALERIE (CONT'D)

I have a purpose in my life. I will always be a mother to you three.

Now that I am free from raising kids and being a wife. I enjoy my boring independent life. No one dictates what I can do or not. Having two women for parents I finally feel liberated. I resented them and I resented your father for not understanding me. I know who I am. I don't want or need therapy. I will make my own decisions. and I will make my own choices.

Valerie stares at George's Urn.

Right now, what we need to focus on... is following your father's wishes and spread his ashes tomorrow.

MARGARET

(Deep sigh )

Before we spread Dad's ashes tomorrow, I hope you have listened to our concerns and why we needed this intervention. Mom, who is this guy Luke Li anyway?

Is he the one who's been interrupting us today? What does he want from you? Where did you meet this guy? You met him online... right? Mom, this is not good. You have no idea what this guy is up to. He could be dangerous. I'm sorry, but I know about him from your texts. Why are you taking such a big risk? I can't find him on Social media.

VALERIE

( Embarrassed )

Are you all spying on me ? How dare you, Margaret! I will not be a subject here today. Tomorrow, we will do what your Father had asked, above all else, and find a memorable spot.

They all agreed on the time. Valerie was focused on the rapid-fire messages.

VALERIE (CONT'D)  
 ( Uninterested )  
 Um I don't know, if we are finish  
 here I would like to go.

Andrew inaudible realized his mother had tuned him out.

ANDREW  
 ( Annoyed )  
 Hey mom did you hear what I said?

Andrew repeated himself and finally got his mother out of her reverie.

Valerie stood up and threw her phone into her Hermes bag  
 Sure, whatever you guys want. And  
 Andrew I heard you. You should know  
 by now, that I am very good with  
 multi tasking.

Valerie storms out of their living room, leaving her three  
 behind, speechless.

EXT. THE NEXT DAY - MALIBU MOUNTAINS - MORNING

Valerie is dressed in black holding George's Urn. A Mystic  
 secluded area overlooks the ocean, away from livestock and  
 people, private only for their family to visit.

Andrew, Cooper, stood behind their mother, while Margaret  
 stands beside Valerie.

VALERIE  
 ( Unreadable )  
 Ok I'm ready to start the ceremony.

She opens the Urn then unties the plastic that holds the  
 ashes. Valerie's hands shakes. Ashes begin to fly above the  
 Urn.

MARGARET  
 ( Sobbing )  
 Mom, let me hold your purse. You're  
 spelling Daddy's ashes out too  
 soon! You're doing it wrong!

Valerie ignores Margaret and continues the scattering.

COOPER  
 ( Defending )  
 It's fine Marg ... mom's got this  
 don't worry sis Pops is happy.

VALERIE

( Stoic and Mutters)

I got this. fly high, my darling George. God bless you honey and thank you for everything. I'm sorry, Marg baby girl, boys. Daddy is in a better place he is no longer suffering he will always be with us.

Valerie hands the urn to Margaret. Margaret holds her father's urn a moment longer then she pours some ashes out.

MARGARET

( Emotional )

We love you so much, Daddy! We will never forget you I promise. Thank you daddy.

Margaret hands the Urn to her brothers as they take their turns to scatter. Finally its back to their mother to complete their father's scattering.

ANDREW

( Sniffling )

Hey Pops don't worry we will look after mom. I love you and thank you for all the horsey rides.

COOPER

( Sobbing )

Ok pops you get going now alright, Drew and I we will take care of the ladies. No worries, and Pops most of all come visit us give us a signal and yeah I love those horsey rides. I'll never forget it when I slipped. I love you.

Valerie's hands are steadier, pouring out the remainders slowly. The wind starts carrying George's ashes, perfectly swooped away from his family.

( P.O.V.)

The four stand in silence. Andrew and Cooper wiped their tears and hugged Margaret closer while she cried uncontrollably.

Valerie stood transfixed and unemotional. Valerie handed Cooper the empty Urn.

The four walked away from their father's memorial spot. Their mother had fallen behind purposely.

ANDREW

( Concerned )

Hey mother, are you ok? Do you need help with your phone or something?

The Siblings went ahead to their parked cars.

VALERIE

( Giggling )

Haha very funny Luke, I better let you go. Their getting angry with me.

EXT. MEMORIAL SPOT - DAY ( CONT'D )

They looked back at their mother who was unhinged. Margaret broke the silence and dabbed at her face.

MARGARET

( Mortified )

Fuck this, mom is being an idiot and that's why we needed to intervene and get her to her appointment today!

ANDREW

( Worried )

Hey Marge come on. We will get her there okay don't stress. Calm down your making me nervous . It's going to be fine. I can't believe you found out about mom's friend what was this guy name again ? From social media? This is crazy Cooper. We have make sure to keep an eye on this alright bro ?

COOPER

( Agreeing )

Luke Li, thats his name. I'm with you bro. You know I get it though that mom wants a younger man. She married pops who was way older then her and now, will you know ... Hey Marge wait up we need to get more info. Our little sister is something else. Well good for her that little brat.

Valerie continues to stare down on her phone, reading her phone messages, from LUKE LI.

LUKE LI  
( Sarcastic )

( V. O. )

Your finally free Valerie and you can relax. Spend more time with me in bed and you do not need to hide us anymore. Wouldn't that be nice?

Valerie waits for more messages not caring that Andrew, Cooper and Margaret has been waiting for her.

VALERIE  
( Replied )

I'm crazy in love with you, and I am really excited to be with you Luke. And yes, I would like to stay in bed all day and play...

Oops, I better to go my three guardian angels are waiting and staring at me with daggers in their eyes.

Valerie slowed down again and texted Luke.

Oh, hey, one more thing.  
I opened that App Account with Coinbase and I deposited ten thousand.  
Are you please with that? Talk later or you can call me.

LUKE LI  
( Sexual )

Text message :  
Yeah baby that's nice and I have a hard on for you. I just want to touch you all over until you scream for more.

FLASHBACK

An attractive Asian decent (37) Luke Li invites Valerie to follow him on Social media then his private Platform. Weeks into their relationship he dominates her feelings and desires. Their love affair becomes a reality.

INT. LUKE'S TOWNHOUSE - BEDROOM - DAY

Valerie lazily lay nestled under Luke's chin.

LUKE LI

( Chuckles )

What would you like to eat tonight  
for an early dinner besides me?

Valerie props up on her elbow to better look at Luke's face.

VALERIE

( Smiles )

Hmmm it sounds delicious and  
tempting and your a great chef,  
but... I can't. He's condition has  
worsen and I should be more  
attentive now.

LUKE LI

( Cold and Calculated )

I will not take no for an answer,  
he is dying anyway. After you have  
your way with me you rush off ?  
Besides the weather is perfect and  
I want to cook for us. Now its my  
turn and we will have dinner  
together.

Luke's mercurial mood swings were insufferable. He manipulate her into cryptocurrency, his business. Valerie refused. Luke ignored her, until Valerie's husband pass away.

EXT. MEMORIAL - PIER - PRESENT - DAY

Valerie and her family are having lunch at the Pier.  
Margaret's eyes her mother.

COOPER

( Patting His Abs )

Mom, you ordered too much. I can't  
eat anymore. We need to box this up  
and donate it to a homeless person  
on the street. I've been seeing too  
many lately. It's gotten worse so  
this food right here will be feed  
someone's hunger.

Cooper leaves and brings back food containers.

COOPER (CONT'D)

( Burping )

Excuse me, man this is a shame.  
(MORE)

COOPER (CONT'D)

Mom please don't order too much out of boredom next time.

Valerie tuned Cooper out. Busy on her phone.

MARGARET

( Whispers )

Andrew, just look at her. This is why we must get her to the appointment on time ASAP. I hate this, Drew. I feel like I'm betraying her privacy and rights. We need to save her from herself. This has been going on way too long.

EXT. PIER - DAY (CONT'D )

Andrew looks at his watch. He paid for the bill.

ANDREW

( Gestures )

Hey Coop you almost done buddy? Marg let's help this kid out his too slow and spilling everything. Coop food goes inside the container... Hey mom you ready?

COOPER

( Smirks )

Ha ha he he. Yeah thanks for the late help.

ANDREW

( Insistent )

Mom, it's time to go. Let's get out of here. We don't want to be late, so just follow my car. Stay off your phone and stop texting, will you? Your boy toy can wait.

VALERIE

( Giddy )

Very funny, wait let me finish my Prosecco. I'm a great driver. Ive been driving since I was fifteen years old. I insisted my mothers to teach me.

I'm using my Bluetooth hands-free for god sake.

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VALERIE (CONT'D)

But, you know since I've become single again, I have been getting a lot of proposals. Hey, where are we going anyway?

MARGARET

( Smirks )

You are recently widowed, you should refuse them all mother.

Valerie ignores Margaret's remarks and walks with her boys.

Valerie gives her sons affection and avoiding Margaret.

VALERIE

( Scornful )

Margaret... I heard your remarks and opinion. Please leave it alone. I don't want to have yet another confrontation about my love life in public.

EXT. SANTA MONICA BLVD - AFTERNOON

Valerie weaves down LA street in her Mercedes. Looking at the compact mirror to check herself. She accelerates and blasted the volume to, Your Love Is King.

INT. MERCEDES - DAY

Inside the Mercedes, a call comes in via Bluetooth. The ID caller reads LUKE LI.

VALERIE

( Taken Aback )

I was going to call you later. Well it would not have mattered, I went to lunch with my kids after the scattering. What are you up to? I thought you weren't talking to me anymore

( O. S )

LUKE

( Charming )

Yeah I'm sorry for putting a distance between us. Valerie your beautiful and a smart woman, why would I stay away for long? Your incredible but, stubborn.

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LUKE (CONT'D)

I am grateful that you are finally coming around. Thank you for opening an account.

Ah, My cock gets hard just thinking of you, I miss you baby, that sweet tight box of yours. I want to kiss you so badly right now. Come here drive this way..

His masculine voice echoes in arrogance and eagerness the charm for anyone to listen to.

LUKE LI

( Persuasive )

Where are you going? Listen just drive here tonight I am home. I want to discuss some more things about our future. We should secure it, wouldn't you like that, Valerie?

VALERIE

( Self-conscious )

I get so shy when you talk dirty to me. I will call you later. Right now I'm following my kids. They are taking me somewhere, I'm not sure where,

Valerie was feeling flush and hot. She turns up the A/C

INT. VIA BLUETOOTH ( CONT'D )

Cooper interjects in for a call interrupting. Valerie ignores it.

Luke, listen. I can't just drive to you in a whim. I've been thinking that what if this is all a mistake? I have to take care of my family. They need my moral support.

We just had a memorial for their father. And I have been having a secret affair with you, and now you're talking about the future. Don't you want someone your age ? I think it's too soon to talk about this, something that needs time.

LUKE LI  
( Outraged )

Luke takes a turn and ridicules her.

( O.S. )

Stop that! What are you talking about Valerie? How much more time do we have to wait ? This is beginning to be a pointless conversation. They are not kids stop referring to them as kids.

They are adults grown ups! They don't need their mommy anymore, so focus on your own life. If you can't accept this, then we have nothing. Do not toy with my feelings.

Luke clicks off. Valerie's face is defeated.

Valerie parks next to Andrew's Tesla. The Mercedes door opens, music blaring. Andrew receives his mother and grabs her hand. Cooper and Margaret stand aside.

MARGARET  
(Teary eyed )

Margaret walks over to her mom and pointed to a building.

Hey Mom, this is the therapy center we talked about, and we made an appointment for you here today.

Valerie was oblivious at first, of the Medical building in front of her.

VALERIE  
( Offended )

You did what! I never agreed to an appointment or to see a Psychiatrist today! What are you guys talking about ? Oh my god, why?

The three siblings stared at their mom apprehensively. They had to intervene.

MARGARET  
( Showing Empathy )  
Mom, you're going to be fine. You will like DR. SHARON JOHNSON, I apologize for doing this intervention.  
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MARGARET (CONT'D)

But please do this mom. We need you back. I know I have been the toughest and you have every right to call your own shots, but you must be healthy about it and picking out a younger guy online is unlike you.

COOPER

( Agreeing )

I feel genuinely the same way, Momma. You will be safe and have someone professional to speak with. You're not alone. We love you and support you through all of this. I mean what if it was one of us going through something, that is not normal, you would be all over us.

Valerie could not disagree but could not bring herself to be pleasant.

VALERIE

( Furious )

How could I have been so blind , I Don't understand any of you, why would you guys turn on me this way? What did I do to deserve this ? I told you ... I don't want go and speak to a therapist! This is surreal.

Valerie goes on a small tirade and headed to her car.

Valerie aware of the public display. She paced around them panting like a trapped animal.

Andrew, Cooper and their sister were pinned in their heels, defeated from their moms backlash.

ANDREW

( Comforting )

Mom stop come on. It will be alright, I promise. Margaret knows her well. Come here, come here. Please stop crying. Please don't get angry with us. Please stop crying, your ok ...

Valerie controls her emotions, dabbing her eyes with a handkerchief. Valerie allows Andrew to bring her back and surrenders.

VALERIE

( Emotional )

I'm alright, don't worry, I'm sorry for becoming undone. I'm proud of you guys for standing up to me and getting this shindig together. I'm not angry, I promise.

Valerie hugged Margaret, then moved toward her boys.

MARGARET

( Teary eyes

Thank you mommy I'm proud of you. I love you.

She glance back as she walked inside the building. Her boys held their sister in the middle.

VALERIE

( Talking to herself )

They took charge. Wow, at least I did something right George.

INT. THERAPY SESSION - DAY (CONT'D )

VALERIE

( Anxious )

Valerie's first meeting with her Therapist. She sits on a sofa across from Dr. JOHNSON

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( Smiles )

Hi it's nice to meet you Valerie. How are you doing ? I understand that you feel like you have been ambush by your family right? But lets not call it that, intervention is an important tool.

VALERIE

( Sighing Deeply )

I'm doing just fine. This is a trial between you and I okay, I'm doing this for them, so they can rest assured that I haven't unhinged.

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( knits her brows )

Okay if thats what you want.

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DR. SHARON JOHNSON (CONT'D)

Why do you feel that they see you uninged Is there something that you did out of character ? They Intervened because they love you, your their mother. This is why you are welling to take the steps.

Valerie shrugs her shoulder and looks up at the ceiling.

VALERIE

( Pensive Mood )

George, their father was sick for a very long time. And I got used to it. I started to want my own identity, my own life.

Dr. Johnson observes her new patient while journaling.

Valerie looking around the office environment.

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( Calm tone)

Valerie. You know, this is where you can speak freely. I am here to help you. That's how these therapy sessions works. Everything we discuss is confidential, and you are safe. It is not shared with anyone ... including your family.

No one can hear our session This building has good bones and build with thick walls, unless you think of self inflicting harm on yourself.

VALERIE

( Sarcastic )

Well thats not my case. I like myself, so you don't need to worry about that.

SHARON JOHNSON

( Smiles )

I am very glad to hear that.

Stifled and reluctant. Valerie rests her head on the pillows behind her seat.

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

(Caring)

Our session today is to get to  
(MORE)

DR. SHARON JOHNSON (CONT'D)

know each other. I want you to feel comfortable and talk about yourself so I can better understand what you have been going through.

I would like to discuss issues ... and most importantly, help you make sound decisions if you want. Your struggles, challenges, and concerns of maybe getting older, your sex life... midlife crisis.

Dr. Johnson observes Valerie's reaction and continues.

How long were you married to your husband? And there are three children ?

Valerie covers her eyes with both hands.

VALERIE

( Frustrated )

Look, let me just stop this bullshit. I have been having an affair with a younger man that I met on Social Media. He was just supposed to be a fantasy boyfriend It got complicated and we, to took it to another level.

The choices I made to pursue him were self-loathing on my part. It only made things worse it didn't fulfill anything in my heart, but the sex was hot and exciting. It left me emptier than I was.

I wanted to feel that excitement again from a passionate, romantic, spontaneous lover. But I don't know if It's ludicrous to enjoy that. Luke is a 36 years old attractive guy, eager about life. He has this a quality that I cannot describe. In French "Je Ne Sais Quoi" with a brilliant mind. He gave me what I needed.

Valerie sits with her hand resting under her chin, transfixed.

(MORE)

VALERIE (CONT'D)

I know that I should have never gotten involved, it was shitty, but I am alone. Why do I have to feel ashamed for it ? Is it because I met him on Social Media and Luke is much younger ? Well I married George he was 16 years older, and why was that okay? I like Luke and he wants me to trust him. Am I being stupid?

DR. SHARON JOHNSON  
( Professional )

How does Luke make you feel now? Do you love him? Or does he know that you're only using him for sex?

VALERIE  
( Confident )

That's a good question. Luke makes me feel confident and bold. And yes, at first, I thought only about the sex part, but now I'm not too sure about that either. I am falling in love with him. I feel optimistic about the future. But I don't want to dwell on it.

INT. HAHN LI (AKA ALIAS) LUKE - TOWNHOUSE - DAY

Inside an upscale three-bedroom immaculate Townhouse, a bachelor home with high end designed contemporary furniture.

HAHN LI, a tall 6 '1 feet tall, handsome feature dark-haired Asian man 36 years old unleashes DT , his Jack Russell. DT panting into the kitchen as he flops onto the cool floor.

Sweats drips down Hahn's ripped abs. He grabbed a zero-calorie drink. Then, he gave DT a small amount of water in his dish bowl.

INT. TOWNHOUSE - DAY

HAHN LI  
( Speaking softly )

Your such a good boy, DT. Slow down buddy okay?  
I don't want you vomiting all over the clean floor again.

He pats his dog and DT wiggles his tail. Hahn's computers lined across the dining table.

INT. KITCHEN - AFTERNOON

HAHN LI

( Disappointed )

Where could she be? What does this mean for us...I'm getting hungry DT, so I'm going to make us something to eat. How does that sound?

DT wags his tail..

Hahn opens his fridge and pulls out salad greens and Sashimi cuts. He grabs a remote control and Jams to a Korean pop music.

Here catch its your favorite salmon!

He Takes a snap shot and sends it off to Valerie.

HAHN LI (CONT'D)

( Anxious )

Hey Valerie I'm trying you again please answer. See the beautiful lunch I made myself ? I am distraught when you avoid my messages.

He eats fast, and grabs for his laptop. He opens his Cryptocurrency accounts, and observes his Bitcoins.

LUKE LI

( frustrated )

It's four o'clock, where the fuck are you we need to talk remember?

Hahn impatiently combs through his thick hair. He sends Valerie another text message.

We have an opportunity to seize this is a pivotal moment for our future.

Hahn picks up the burner phone he calls her. It goes straight to her voicemail. He paces around and throws the ball to his dog.

HAHN LI

( Exasperated )

Hahn mutters to himself.

(MORE)

HAHN LI (CONT'D)

What's the point of bringing her  
into this anyway? I should just use  
my own money oh fuck!

Hahn walks his dog DT once more for distraction. He calls  
again.

( O. S. )

VALERIE

( Surprised )

Luke? How are you? I can't believe  
you're calling me after the way you  
cut me off.

HAHN LI

( Agitated )

Valerie, yes, it's me. I've been  
texting and messaging. What the  
hell is going on? Why are you  
ignoring me, baby? Are you angry  
with me? I have been thinking of  
us.

Hahn's face cringes, but controls himself.

Your a widow now and we can get  
married. I want to care for you. I  
need you to start take back control  
of your own life, and I think you  
must stop being manipulated by your  
family.

I don't like them for that. I am  
here for you, you're not alone. I  
want you to start thinking about  
it. I am willing to give you that  
commitment, to care for you.  
Valerie did you hear what I just  
said ? We can be successful  
together.

INT. VALERIE - HOME - NIGHT

( P.O.V. )

Valerie stays quiet on the other side and continues to  
listen.

VALERIE

( Apprehensive )

Yes, I'm here.

(MORE)

VALERIE (CONT'D)

I'm sorry you caught me off guard that's all. You know that my family will go against this and will have plenty to say to me. I went shopping and I thought of getting back to you later. What's wrong you sound offended. Do you want me to drive to you?

HAHN LI

( Pissed Off )

Is that all you can say? It's not their life. It's yours, tell me are they really going to be at your bedside when you get older and alone?

INT. VALERIE'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Valerie paced with her phone and sipping a glass of wine.

VALERIE

( Disagreeing )

Look, I love that you want to get committed but it's unrealistic...I have mountains of paperwork I have to get through tonight. I have been neglecting to work on. Can we catch up later? Do you want to come over by any chance? Luke, we can talk as much as you want if you were here for a change.

INT. HAHN'S TOWNHOUSE - NIGHT

( O. S. )

HAHN LI

( Furious )

No, I don't want to come over. You'll just have to convince them harder. I thought they knew about us. You're stalling our relationship, and I don't like that Valerie .

I need to concentrate on my own life and move on if you're unwilling to learn anything about cryptocurrency. I wanted to teach you how to invest in it and start growing with me.

(MORE)

## HAHN LI (CONT'D)

No more worrying about cash, Valerie, don't you get it? You're young enough to see this into the future of Digital Mining, but if you can't believe or trust me, I will not continue being deeply involved with you. I don't want to waste any more time. Your toying with my feelings again.

Hahn signed off from their messages. He left Valerie more confused.

INT. VALERIE - BEDROOM - EVENING

( P.O.V. )

Valerie throws her glasses off onto her bed.

VALERIE

( Deeply Sighs )

What the hell did I get myself into? You stupid woman! argh Fuck fuck!

INT. HAHN LI TOWNHOUSE - NIGHT ( CONT'D )

Hahn sits on his white leather couch with one of his computers . His phone vibrates, he answers.

VALERIE

( Annoyed )

Hey Luke, please don't hang up on me. It's rude, and I am tired of your attitude. I learned from my sons about cryptocurrency five years ago, and even now, it's not worth investing in it. Why are you so sure of this? They lost a lot of money. I'm just skeptical about something I cannot feel in my hand. I don't want to jeopardize what I have. And Just like that, it's easy for you to tell me this is a waste of time.

Hahn ignores Valerie's last remark. He has her emotionally in the palm of his hand.

HAHN LI

( Retorted )

I'm sorry baby your sons clearly did not know what they were doing. They are amateurs and I'm sure they fully did not comprehend the strategy. This is my expertise. It wasn't their thing it was merely just a hobby for them. Frankly, this sounds insulting and its boring Valerie.

INT. VALERIE - BEDROOM - NIGHT

VALERIE

( Upset )

Luke, let me remind you that when we first met. I told you what I was looking for. I went into this affair because I wanted a boyfriend who could be passionate and romantic, a lover who knows how to have fun. Not about money all the time. I am financially stable, you know that. Why would I want to buy Bitcoins anyway? I love the feel of cash in my hands. I don't understand your obsession with it.

INT. HAHN LI TOWNHOUSE - NIGHT

HAHN LI

( Irked )

My obsession is with you, so what you are saying is you only want a boy toy or a lap dog. Is that it? Valerie, listen to me. You can start with a small investment and watch it grow. Tomorrow at your bank or online, you must transfer another ten thousand into your Coin base Account. Your previous deposit is not enough.

I will show how to Sell and Trade. I promise you, and you won't regret this.

(MORE)

HAHN LI (CONT'D)

It will be just you and I Valerie.  
I'm texting you photos. I want to  
marry you soon so we can start our  
new life together. Here is where I  
want to take you first then we can  
continue and venture on our  
Honeymoon to Capri as well.

Hahn sends her a photo of Greece, Santorini Island and Capri.

VALERIE

( Sighing )

Alright, alright. Is this what  
falling in love again feels like?  
I'll take care of it tomorrow. I've  
always wanted to go there, and it's  
beautiful.

EXT. BANK - NEXT DAY

Valerie goes into her Bank - and deposits another ten  
thousand dollars into her Coin base Account. Hahn immediately  
hacks into it.

( O.S. )

HAHN LI

( Thrilled )

Hahn messages Valerie.

You have doubled your profits I  
will study which company to Trade  
or Sell tomorrow . You have twenty  
thousand and you will see the rise  
when I choose for you. Imagine if  
you deposit 50K or even 100K

INT. VALERIE'S HOME - DAY

Scared and alone and talking to herself.

VALERIE

( Distraught )

Shit this is not right, something  
is off. Why is everyone dead? Moms  
I really wish I could speak to one  
of you, I regret not having been a  
better daughter to you both. I need  
guidance from above...

Valerie journals all the recent issues of Luke's behavior and demands.

INT. THERAPY SESSION - DAY

Valerie opens her notebook to start her therapy session.

VALERIE

( Depressed )

I think Luke is beyond me, and I'm distancing myself. I lead him on. He wanted to teach me about investing in cryptocurrency, And I thought it was very stupid and odd. And it angered him. I kept ignoring all the signs. Wished I had known a little sooner, before I got in too deep.

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( Calm )

Why are you blaming yourself Valerie? Did you do something to hurt your relationship with Luke?

VALERIE

( Subdued )

I feel guilty and ashamed. And I'm older and a widow. He is so charming he can talk me into anything. I don't think I am enough for him. He has trouble understanding my way of life and my maturity. We will never see eye to eye about anything. However, he visualize a future with me.

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( Curious )

Your feelings are conflicted. Because you say you're in love with him, but you're not enough. He wants you to be more submissive towards his ways or it's the highway... Carefully listen to yourself use your instinct. Valerie you are smart and this is not a normal behavior. If you have serious doubts, why do you continue associating yourself with this guy? You always have a choice.

Valerie shrugs it off, deep in her thoughts.

VALERIE

( Self Pity )

What other alternatives or choice do I have, Doc? I don't want to join those dating sites. It sounds awful. I don't have a job. So I started a small investment with him.

He wants to get married in Greece, and have our honeymoon in Capri for god sake. It sounded so tempting, that I wanted to say ah fuck it let's do it! It sounds like a teenagers dream. But it's my reality, dysfunctional and ridiculous. I feel stupid and crazy for him.

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( Perception )

Listen, your very far far from being stupid. And sometimes these things happens when you have experienced trauma. We become vulnerable. So here wipe your eyes and blow your nose.

VALERIE

( Blowing Her Nose )

Ok Thank you.. I don't know what else to say at the moment.

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( Empathy )

Your going to be okay. Relax and breath in and out slowly. That's good one more time...

INT. THERAPY SESSION - DAY (CONT'D )

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( Cautious )

Please don't stop talking, I am just making some small notes in my journal.

Dr. Johnson stopped taking notes and raised her eyebrows in curiosity. Valerie could be a victim of PIG BUTCHERING. Worst-case scenario, and it isn't inconceivable.

A scam tactic masterminding a vulnerable person. A psychological game playing on emotions. Valerie is the classic victim, a beautiful, wealthy widowed woman. A woman who is going through a midlife crisis, lonely and desperate looking for a companion , romance and sex. They fatten and mislead their victims with false hope.

SHARON JOHNSON

( Concern )

Valerie, I want you to be honest with yourself. As your Therapist, has Luke ask you for money? I won't make any judgments. And are you ok with that, and are you helping him with some kind of project?

VALERIE

( Upset )

I'm a real fool aren't I falling for him, a con artist. I haven't heard from him . His ignoring my calls and texts again...

Valerie truthfully nods her head to confirm the truth.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Sniffles )

I have behaved wildly and on an impulse. My life is messy. I had no father image. My parents were women. And I married a father image in George and I miss him. I'm angry with him for letting me down! I was a good wife and lover. He gave me and our children a beautiful home, making sure we have financial stability. We were so in love, I was young, wealthy, and naive.

I wanted to have my children early, and he only wanted me. I was happy to be a wife, I knew he was having an on-and-off affair with Brenda, Without her, I would never have met George. During that time I felt I owed her something.

That was a big mistake and I should have stood up for my marriage, but I didn't. George would have never divorced me I knew that. I have compromised and sacrificed my needs so that George could be happy with himself.

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VALERIE (CONT'D)

He had a slow growing Prostate Cancer. It cut off our sex life. I was worn out, depressed, angry and lonely. I kept myself preoccupied with my children. I gave myself to everyone's needs but, my own.

And as for my gorgeous young boyfriend Luke, he did ask me for money. Not a project per say but an investments in Cryptocurrency.

Valerie's session was ending. and Valerie was wiping her eyes from tears.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Deep sigh )

Thank you for listening. I understand now what I must do.

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( Advice )

Valerie, you did a good job in your therapy today. I want you to leave here with a clear conscience. You are remarkable, stay strong and stay true to yourself. You have done a fantastic job providing and raising your children. Yes you were young and it organically forced you to grow up faster than most women, and you compromised yourself by keeping George's infidelity.

But you were able to focused and stayed healthy for the most part, But you held the resentments in far too long. And we will work on that on your next session...

I, believe George knew. Im sure he did his own soul-searching, and loved you even more. There aren't too many women left with your kind of strength and patience. Valerie, please be careful with Luke.

INT. HOME - EVENING

Valerie decided to take herself out. Talking loudly to herself.

VALERIE  
 ( Dancing and Humming )  
 Let's see where I end up tonight. I  
 need to hear some music, Ah I know  
 just the place.

( P.O.V. )

Valerie decided to go to Belair Cocktail Lounge.

Valerie standing half-naked, studying herself in the full-length mirror. Cupping both her breasts and sliding her hands down to her flat stomach. She examines her reflection and stepped closer to the mirror. She trace the fine wrinkles, tears rolls down on her cheeks.

INT. BEDROOM - EVENING

Her phone vibrate.

VALERIE  
 ( Contemplating )  
 Here we go... Mr. Yo yo I really  
 don't want to answer you right now.

Valerie wearing a beautiful black dress and gold high-heeled shoes, enters her car. Buckling her seatbelt, momentarily immovable. Valerie threw her phone onto the passenger seat, and starts the ignition. The car backs out of the driveway, then brakes.

Valerie grabs for her phone, and reads the message.

HAHN LI  
 ( Strange Tone )  
 Hello dear, Val where are you?

INT: MERCEDES - EVENING

Valerie responds to Hahn's the messages.

VALERIE  
 ( Sighing )  
 You know I hate it when you call me  
 dear. I want to see you Luke. I'm  
 tired of the hide and seek you  
 play, and your text messages. Where  
 have you been you have ignored me  
 without explanation.

Valerie waits. The Mercedes ignition start again.

( O. S )

HAHN LI

( Aggravated )

Your resistance is futile. You're actions, being stubborn ... your simply being a selfish bitch! I do not want a hard-headed woman who constantly questions my motives and good intentions!

VALERIE

( Replies )

I have been willing to do everything you wanted me to do, and now you're saying I am a stubborn bitch? Who the hell do you think you are? I am not a child! I want to drive there now, and we can discuss this in person!

HAHN LI

( Stern )

No, no dear, not tonight. I have too much work.

VALERIE

( Replied )

What work, busy scamming other women? Huh Luke? Why are you punishing me? I thought you loved me. Alright then, go to hell. I don't care anymore, and this is a mistake. Don't contact me ever again or I will turn you in.

Valerie clicks off. The stress and manipulation got the better of her. Her phone vibrates.

HAHN LI

( cold )

What the fuck is wrong with you? If you're going to be reluctant about everything and deny me what I need and want from you, then there is a broken trust between you and I. I don't want or need this shit from you! Find a jackass, and get the fuck out of here!

## VALERIE'S DRIVEWAY - NIGHT

Valerie unbuckles, and shuts off the ignition. She runs back inside her house. Valerie flops on top of George's bed she once shared. Wailing in pain, hugging his pillow.

VALERIE

( Humiliated and Disgusted )

Oh.. George, how could I have been so stupid and selfish? Why did you have to die? I'm so sorry, honey. Please forgive me.

## INT. HAHN LI'S TOWNHOUSE - EVENING

Hahn Li running on the treadmill. He watches his Android.

## INT. BELAIR BAR JAZZ LOUNGE - NIGHT

( P. O. V. )

Valerie standing by the bar ordering a drink. Taking a sips of her Manhattan and sits on the bar stool.

VALERIE

( Humming to the beat )

Her eyes momentarily closed , she moves to the rhythm. Valerie's beauty outshines her sadness.

An attractive gentleman approaches the bar and leans next to Valerie.

STRANGER

(Charming )

Hello there ...you are absolutely gorgeous are you alone? Can you come to my room so we can talk dear, and have a drink together? Or we can just talk. I would like to get to know you.

Valerie went sullen, and got off the stool. Standing to face the stranger.

VALERIE

( Shocked )

Hmm, I'm not impressed. What did you just call me ... Dear? Is that the best you can come up with? This is your excuse to talk to me? Look, I'm not a prostitute, asshole.

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VALERIE (CONT'D)  
Excuse me, thanks for making me  
feel shitty.

Valerie gulped the last drop of her drink, and walked away.

VALERIE (CONT'D)  
Please don't follow me. Or I'll  
call the Police.

The Gentleman looks at Valerie while she took her drink and tilted her head back. His dialogue captured her attention.

GC LEE  
( Speaks In Korean )

Lee speaks softly into his wrist watch. He speaks in his Korean language

Geunyeoleul ttalagaseo musahi jib-e dochaghadolog hae.  
Geunyeoneun jomchwihaeseo hwaga na iss-eo.

Translation

Follow her and make sure she gets  
home safely. She's a bit drunk and  
pissed off.

FLASHBACK

GC LEE - In his early 50's a General Commissioner from South Korea. A high ranking Detective. Attractive 6 feet tall. A Kendo expert in Marshal Arts, a self composed man.

EXT. SEOUL, KOREA - DAY

GC LEE bumped into his friend Kim Choi at a Gaming store. Kim Choi was a member of the ROK Special Forces Brigades. Kim Choi was divorced mid-50s and had adult children.

KIM CHOI  
( Speaking Korean )

He complained and felt relentless to do something else with his life.

I refuse to get old and weary.  
I will be retiring by next year and  
would like to start dating again a  
sexy, beautiful woman.

INT. GC LEE BEDROOM - SOUTH KOREA - NIGHT

GC Lee was restless, feeling the weight of an unsolved murder case on his desk. Two days later, he called Kim Choi and offered him a job.

GC Lee and Kim have been following a wanted fugitive from South Korea, a criminal named Hahn Li, who use aliases. Presently, the alias they know of is LUKE LI. This case led them to take the assignment in Los Angeles, California.

INT. BELAIR BAR - PRESENT - EVENING

( O. S. )

KIM CHOI

( Serious )

Sir, she's leaving. Okay I will follow her.

Kim Choi listened to his instructions and followed her home without being noticed.

INT. VALERIE - HOME - EVENING

Valerie pulls up to her driveway.

VALERIE

( Drunk and Upset )

( P. O. V. )

Valerie slams the door behind her and sets her alarm system. Carrying her shoes, walking directly towards her bedroom. Exhausted not bothering to get undressed.

Laying on top of her bed, her iPhone vibrating inside her purse. Ten messages from Luke.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Deep Sighs )

In the moment of weakness, she texts back.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Drunk )

Hello ... what do you want? Stop texting me.

( O. S. )

Hahn messages Valerie back in milliseconds

HAHN LI

( Conniving )

Are you Okay? Where were you? I have messaged you several times, but you ignored all of them. What are you doing? Are you with someone on a date? Answer me!

VALERIE

( Lying )

I went out to a friend's birthday party. Why do you need to know? We are over aren't we ? Now I just want to sleep. Oh, and by the way, whats with the ten messages ? Get over me...

HAHN LI

( Possessive )

Were you out with another man? Are you fucking around ? Why do you think I tried so much to reach you. Because I'm simply bored, is that it ? Maybe because I love you, perhaps I should just stop. Is that what you want, Valerie tell me!

Luke's excessive jealousy and his mercurial behavior was vicious and controlling. Valerie was emotionally drained from his abuse.

VALERIE

( Surrenders )

No, I don't want that I'm sorry Luke. I care about you and I miss you.

INT. THERAPY SESSION - MORNING

Valerie's face was swollen from drinking and crying.

VALERIE

( Distressed )

Luke is a compulsive liar, I was wrong about him. He was so great when we first got together. I saw all the warning signs. I thought I could change him by loving him.

DR. JOHNSON

( Concerned )

Valerie, do you think Luke was only after your money?

VALERIE

( Hesitating )

I am ashamed to admit that he probably intended it, but I think its more then just my money. There is something more about Luke that I saw.

DR JOHNSON

( Observing )

Valerie, you must pay attention to your inner voice. Your choices were mislead by lust. You are in control, and it will empower you. Once you do that, you can stand up against him. This guy, Luke, is hiding something. Valerie, are you in danger?

VALERIE

( Blinking )

I'm sorry Sharon , I need to get out of here.

Valerie stood from the sofa and stormed out.

DR. SHARON JOHNSON

( Worried )

Valerie, see you soon okay, please remember you can also call me.

EXT: MEDICAL BUILDING PARKING LOT - DAY

Valerie walks out of the medical building wiping her eyes.

( P. O. V.

Valerie walks towards her parked car. Noticing a man leaning against his black car. Suspiciously she keeps her eyes on him. Her car automatically unlocks to her touch.

VALERIE

( Smirking )

Have we met? You look familiar. Ah, you're the guy I called an asshole at the Bar. I'm I right ? Are you stalking me mister? What do you want?

GC LEE

( Clearing His Throat )

That was an interesting night. I'm sorry for how that meeting went. Our first introduction... it was unusual. You must have had a bad feeling about me after that. It was a way in to capture your attention.

( P. O. V. )

GC Lee introduces himself and presenting his Identification and his badge.

GC LEE

( Sincere )

You can just call me Lee. I need to speak with you regarding a case we are investigating. Please get in so we can speak privately, you are safe in my car.

Valerie continues to examine his badge in her hands. She hesitated to get into his tinted-window Cadillac.

VALERIE

( Being Nice )

I'm sorry about the name calling. I hate being called, Dear. I was triggered . And I was on my second glass of cocktail. I don't often go out on a date with myself. Why are you here? It's a long way from South Korea.

GC LEE

( Persistent )

GC Lee walks to the passenger side and opens the door for Valerie.

Please get in, its alright and I will completely divulge all the information that we are working on, and why we are here in Los Angeles. You can trust me and my team.

Valerie walks over to the open door and gets in.

INT. INSIDE GC LEE CADILLAC - DAY

Valerie sitting inside a cop car. She folds her hands together in confusion.

GC LEE

( Calm )

We have been following a fugitive for several months, but we lost sight of him. Then it lead us to you and your family. My Team and I are working with the help of the Los Angeles Police Department. We are tracking a man named HAHN LI, a Fugitive and a Criminal whose alias he uses is LUKE LI.

Valerie's face turns expressionless and uncomfortable. She held her composure.

VALERIE

( Concerned )

I'm I in trouble ? Should I call my Attorney ? I need help understanding what's going on. I don't understand any of this.

GC LEE

( Unreadable Face )

No, you do not. You did not do anything wrong Ms. Coburn. My team is listening to our conversation. We will drive to our location, and you will meet everyone there. Please buckle your seatbelt, and we will drive you back to your car after your briefing.

EXT. PARKING LOT - DAY

GC Lee's Team sit inside in a Black Mercedes Van, they listen Standing by the Therapy center.

GC LE

( Instructed )

Hey guys I am with Ms. Coburn and we are heading towards there now. See you all for the introduction. Thanks

KIM CHOI, PATRICK NEIL Los Angeles PD unique Task Operation,  
LISA PARK exceptional Task Technical Engineer.

PATRICK NEAL

( Polite )

Yes sir understood we will be heading back.

INT. THE TEAM - DAY

( P. O. V. )

Lee drove into a familiar neighborhood. An Entrance gate to a small house opens into a driveway and closes automatically.

Parallel to HAHN LI's three-bedroom Townhouse. Lee opened the car door and usher Valerie into the house.

INT. MOTHERSHIP- DAY

The living room was the Central Operation space, with tables, monitors, and computer setups on top of each table. Papers, files, headsets, cameras, and handguns-rifles were exposed.

GC Lee introduces the Agents, his Team.

VALERIE

( Agitated )

Look.. what I'm I doing here and how Im I going to be able to help with this matter?

GC LEE

( Patient )

I'm sorry . We will get to that in a few minutes please follow me to my desk.

He walks away to get a chair for her.

GC Lee perspective of Valerie Coburn is a beautiful, well-educated woman who is widowed, wealthy, friendly, vulnerable.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Distraught )

How do you know that you have the right guy? its a popular name in the Asian countries?

GC LEE

( Convincing )

We have the right guy Valerie. I am sorry we have Hahn Li (aka) Luke Li

GC Lee leads Valerie over to Lisa Park's table. Lisa types into the keypads. The screen monitors opens to show a bird's-eye view of Hahn's home. Valerie quietly watches and covers her mouth to hold in her emotion.

VALERIE

( Gasping in shock )

Yes that's him oh my god. Thats him  
his voice, his dog.

( P.O.V )

Luke threw a ball for DT to fetch. Luke kept looking at his  
phone.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Angry )

I feel sick to my stomach. All  
these months, while you all sat  
here, you knew who he was and you  
did nothing ? You continued to spy  
on him, and on me ? I was with him  
two times in that house three  
months ago!

Did you spy on us then in the  
bedroom, too? And you did nothing  
to stop this guy, a criminal. I  
feel violated. Where was my  
protection then? You let him get  
his way with me.

GC Lee's face defeated. Valerie's outburst and hysteria  
stunned everyone. Valerie walked away looking for the  
bathroom.

LISA PARK

( Empathy )

Ms. Coburn, I'll take you. Please  
follow me. It's right down this  
hallway and the second door to your  
left.

( O. S. )

INT. RESTROOM - MOTHERSHIP - DAY

Lisa leads Valerie into the hallway.

Valerie sits on the toilet seat, her head down in despair.  
After awhile, got up and washes her face. An epic destruction  
of Luke's betrayal.

VALERIE

( Muttering to herself )

How could you fuck up this big ?  
Alright enough self pity. Let's go  
and face the firing squad.

Valerie enters back into the living room with a clean face a calmer demeanor, a self-composed woman.

LISA PARK

( low voice )

Hey, guys heads up, Coburn is walking back in. Hope she is doing better and frankly, I don't blame her if she's not. That asshole Psychopath used her and tried to take her money.

In the background, Patrick and Kim waited for GC Lee to resurface. Lee reappears when Valerie enters.

VALERIE

( Remorseful )

I want to apologize to all of you for the inadequate accusations and outbursts I threw. I will help however I can Lee. I also want to tell you everything from the start.

Valerie continues with her apology.

I want him to pay for his crimes. One request is that my family is kept safe and well protected. I cannot jeopardize their safety during this operation. They already, suspected that I was having an affair with a guy named Luke. My daughter saw his name on my phone during my husband's memorial.

I'm sure she did some digging of her own. I of course had to deny it. Luke and I have not seen each other in weeks, he refuses to get together unless I continue to do what he wants from me. We only communicate through texting now.

Patrick mutters something angrily from the background, and Kim Choi spoke in Korean.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Eager And Anxious )

So, what's the plan, and how will I be able to help in this?

GC face turned relaxed.

GC LEE

( Straightforward )

We have seen you come to the townhouse on those two occasions, and we did not have the camera surveillance inside his bedroom. To respect your privacy and you had a different relationship with him then. He was not a threat to you.

GC paused before he continues.

Hahn realized he could not persuade or break you to Invest more money into his cryptocurrency business. You became a challenge for him, so he banned you from coming over. He never expected that you would ever turn him down. The account you opened is Frozen. He hacked into it the minute you deposited the first ten thousand dollars, and the next.

We bugged his place... and now his bedroom. We also had a tracking devices on his car. A few days later he sold his Porsche. And we think his on to us or it was just luck on his side. We needed to be sure of Hahn's motive with you. This mission was to extract him quietly but you got caught in the middle. And he seemed to have fallen in love with you. We had to wait to be sure about your own intention.

INT. CONT.

VALERIE

( Uneasy )

If I have only known sooner...I would have save myself from this ordeal and the misery with this guy.

Thank you for your security. Do you have coffee or something?

Kim Choi serves a Tray of pastry and coffee.

GC LEE

( Interrogation )

GC Lee and his Team began to surround her so that they could be present for the questioning.

GC LEE (CONT'D)

( Direct )

Valerie, how did you get involved with Hahn Li? Where did you first meet? Were you both introduced by a friend?

VALERIE

( Voice cracking )

I first got involved with Luke on Social Media, He messaged me through a private platform. I remember him saying that it was his own that he built. Within two months I got to know him better. I thought I was in love.

This happened when my husband's illness worsened and I was in depression. He was a nice attractive guy, and kept me company through my depression. I didn't know his state of mind.

Luke psychologically manipulated my downfall and used that to his advantage. I was an emotional wreck when my husband died and he knew that.

Luke said that our age difference did not define a woman. He was romantic and sweet at times, but wanted to control me. He even proposed and wanted to get married right away. He wanted me to invest my money into cryptocurrency, and buying Bitcoins! I consistently refused to and opposed to it. This is what got him so furious at me. I stopped communicating with him.

The other night after I got home from Belair, he messaged me 10 times, and accused me of being with another man. He verbally abuses me.

(MORE)

VALERIE (CONT'D)

He punishes me and he is cruel...I started to see a Psychiatrist. My family intervened, when Margaret found out. Thats when it hit me how lucky I am. What did he do? Why are you chasing him?

INT. MOTHERSHIP HOUSE - ( CONT'D )

GC LEE

( cautious )

Valerie we want to make sure you and your family are safe from him. And that you completely understand how serious this is.

GC Lee and his Team extensively listens in great degree.

GC LEE (CONT'D)

He is very dangerous. Did you ever tell him you were seeing a Therapist? Has he ever seen your children?

VALERIE

( Uncomfortable )

No, never. Unless he has been Stalking me I never got that feeling before. However he does question me whenever, I don't respond to him right away. If I don't answer his messages he berates me. I have invited him to come to my house but, he always made excuses. Now I know why.

GC Lee aware of Valerie's discomfort. The Team speaks in low tone while watching the Fugitive Hahn Li on the monitor .

GC LEE

( Smiles )

Do you want to take a break, I know how exhausting this is.

INT. HAHN'S TOWNHOUSE - DAY (CONT'D )

( O. S. )

Hahn pacing in his living room, pulled out his phone from his jogger.

Agents scrambled towards their tables, and grabbed for their headsets. Lisa types into her keyboard, and two hidden microscopic cameras angled locked on Hahn LI.

Hahn sits on his white leather couch. Patrick snaps his fingers to GC Lee.

( P. O. V. )

Valerie was startled by her phone vibrating, she looks up to GC Lee. Three monitor screens are open and angled on Hahn Li.

VALERIE

( refusing )

I don't want to answer this Lee please, can we just ignore it? I don't want to speak to him, I'm afraid ... his a hypocrite.

GC Lee writes on paper to act normal. She follows her instruction and ingeniously speaks to Hahn.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( voice quivering )

Hello there. How are you? It's been a while. Hey, you must finally be tired of text messaging. I like this when you call me instead. I've always liked your voice, and I miss you, Luke very much.

Valerie continues with the charade.

HAHN LI

( Monotone )

Hi, beautiful. I'm fine and you? What have you been doing while I've been away? I hope you are not still angry with me.

VALERIE

( Interrupts )

Ah, what do you mean? Am I still angry with you? As I recall, Luke, you said to get the fuck out of here. So, I did just that. I didn't know you went away. Where did you go off to?

HAHN LI

( Whispers )

I remember that, baby... I am sorry for my bad behavior.

(MORE)

HAHN LI (CONT'D)

Never mind about what I said, okay?  
 You know I can't live without you  
 Valerie, my stubborn little bunny.  
 Let me make it up to you.

INT. HAHN'S TOWNHOUSE ( CONT'D )

Valerie listening and watches Luke on the monitor. the  
 neurotic boyfriend.

Valerie blushed and bites down on her lower lip.

( O. S. )

HAHN LI

( Seductive )

Hey baby, I have an idea why don't  
 you come over tonight? I miss you  
 and your sexy body, and I am so  
 hungry for you Valerie. I can't  
 think of anything else but, your  
 scent. I want to make love to you  
 and after your satisfaction, I'll  
 cook for us. We can work and on our  
 investment. Staying naked in bed  
 together all night. My cock gets so  
 hard thinking of you, Valerie, I'm  
 waiting.

Valerie clicked off, garbing a bottle of water and drinking  
 it furiously.

They removed their headsets, when Hahn stripped naked and  
 walked into his bathroom suite.

GC LEE

( straight-faced )

Alright gather in ... Time to re  
 access our plans into action.

VALERIE

( Flustered )

Phew? Oh god, what do I do now?  
 What do I do ...

GC LEE

( Clearing His Throat )

He is very dangerous, Valerie. We  
 have been trying to catch this  
 loser for two years. Hahn Li is a  
 top-priority. And so is your  
 safety.

(MORE)

GC LEE (CONT'D)

His been hiding and blends in well with the young Asians community of Los Angeles. He is good-looking, charismatic, charming, and a mastermind manipulator. But he made one mistake and that was falling for you, Valerie, and you are his greatest obsession.

GC Lee disclosing the murder case.

GC LEE (CONT'D)

( Reports )

Hahn Li murdered his roommate, ROBERT ONO . The two were culprits of criminal activities together. They targeted wealthy middle-aged women and men, especially widowed women. Through sex and manipulation, they gained their victims' trust, they had access into their Bank Accounts while they were inside their homes.

The two were handsome clever gigolos. One day, Robert became jealous and greedy. Their operation crumbled when they got into a drunken brawl. We think it has something to do with how Hahn split their shares.

Forensic investigation shows that a combat fight broke out in the kitchen, Hahn knocked Robbert onto the kitchen island table. Hahn became furious, and grabbed a knife out from the knives board and stabbed Robert right as he launched at Hahn. Robert was stabbed multiple times in the neck and body Robert's bloody body fell onto the kitchen carpet.

FLASHBACK

INT. HAHN LI - APARTMENT - SOUTH KOREA - DAY

ROBERT

( struggling to breathe )

Please, help me ...

(MORE)

ROBERT (CONT'D)  
Don't kill me, I will give you  
everything...I'm sorry

Hahn stood over Robert covered in blood. Hahn's sweats runs down on his face with splattered blood.

HAHN LI  
( Strange laugh )  
Now go and tell the authorities,  
you asshole!

Hahn made a quick exit from the kitchen not knowing that Robert was still alive.

FLASHBACK - CONT'D

Robert found dead his phone clutched in his hand.

ROBERT  
( Pleading )  
Help, please help me ... I have  
been stabbed, please help... Hahn  
Li he ... I'm dying, please hurry

He never finished his last word.

FLASHBACK CONT.

GC LEE  
( V. O.) ( Compassionate )

I arrive along with several Police officers at the crime scene. We found Robert Ono brutally stabbed. We searched the luxury Apartment leased to Hahn Li. There were no photos of families anywhere or a photo of Hahn Li. I carefully went through Robert Ono's phone.

Lee unzipped the body bag , and lifts Robert's eyelid with his gloved hands to unlock his phone.

Lee scrolled through the photo gallery and albums and loads of obscene photos in sexual acts. An attractive tall Asian guy with coif dark hair, a fit young man with dark eyes stands alone watching.

GC LEE (CONT'D)

( Exclaimed )

Here he is, one picture, just one  
He should not be hard to find.

The photo of Hahn Li was a lead. A fugitive, wanted criminal.

( P.O.V. )

GC LEE and two of his Police officers at the International Airport at the check-in counter. Showing Hahn Li's photo to (TSA) Transportation Security Agents getting a data on the passenger's details of destination and arrivals.

Hahn Li bought the first flight to Los Angeles, California, three hours before GC LEE and his officers arrived. GC Lee was assigned to follow the case to Los Angeles. Hahn LI was to be captured alive, and prosecuted in South Korea.

EXT. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA - MORNING

Two days after GC Lee and Kim Choi arrived in Los Angeles, California. They Teamed up with help by LAPD's Chief Of Police. Lee assembled a small team.

They Wired Tap Hahn Li's three-bedroom Townhouse. He live a luxury life without having a bank account or credit cards. Experts could not trace a number to his mobile phone. Hahn Li was non existence. An Alias who operates on a Program that involves DARK WEB.

INT. MOTHERSHIP HOUSE - DAY -PRESENT (CONT'D )

GC LEE

( Intense )

We saw some of your photos your Social Media account. The messages using his alias name ( LUKE ). He was using a different photo for his fake profile. We have been following and tracking you, ensuring that we cover all grounds to protect you and your family.

What we need from you is to help us set a trap for capture. It's your choice, and if you choose to cooperate in this mission, we would want you to continue your relationship.

Valerie stares at GC Lee giving her options for a way out.

He expects you to come over tonight, but you won't.

You will tell him you are not well and have a stomach flu. Set a time with him tomorrow. And we will prep you in the morning. Please be here by 7:00 a.m. The gate will automatically open up for you, and Patrick will Park your car

INT. MOTHERSHIP- DAY ( CONT'D )

VALERIE

( Curious )

So, why now? I mean, why didn't you guys arrest him then you had him all this time. I just can't understand how you could loose him.

GC LEE

( Retorted )

We were on a mission, but it got complicated when you started a relationship with him . The intermission allowed us to move in closer. When we saw Hahn slow down, waiting for you, wanting you to give up your entire life, and your family.

We believe he was using you as a shield and maybe as a leverage eventually. It bought us time and opportunity to approach you and hoping you would cooperate. My Team and the Los Angeles PD came to this conclusion with me.

VALERIE

( Agreeing )

Im only choosing to cooperate and help is because he should pay for his crimes, though I know that I am the bait.

A new connection was beginning to form with Valerie and Lee.

GC LEE

( Serious )

Valerie this Operation to extract  
Hahn Li is ... it will be  
dangerous.

VALERIE

( Sighing Deeply )

Yeah I know, his a tricky guy and  
scary at times. It's a risk I'm  
willing to take to bring him to  
justice.

INT. CADILLAC COP CAR - AFTERNOON

GC Lee and Valerie drove in silence. He parked besides her  
Mercedes at the Medical Therapy Center. Lee opens the  
passenger door for her.

GC LEE

( Nods His Head )

Good night Valerie, please drive  
safely home I will follow you to  
make sure. Thank you for today.

INT. VALERIE'S HOME - EVENING

Valerie chatting on Zoom with Andrew, and Margaret.

VALERIE

( Pleasant )

Hi, where is Cooper ?  
I wanted to let you guys know Im  
going out of town, for a few days.  
I'll be driving up to Carmel. Dad  
and I loved it up there. I'll text  
when I get there or something.

MARGARET

( Smiles )

Thats great mom it sounds fun, make  
sure you bundle up. Its a bit  
chilly . COOP had clients he is  
working late tonight. Maybe you can  
text him. Are you going alone ?

VALERIE

( Replied )

I am and will meet some of my long  
time friends. And I frankly want to  
be alone and reflect, mediate and  
Yoga.

ANDREW

(Smiles )

Thanks for letting us know Mom. I will check on Tanya. and yeah don't worry about Cooper. We will let him know your Itinerary. But, please text him though. Margaret is keeping him busy besides getting more Tatts.

Valerie makes the call to Luke.

VALERIE

( Raspy voice )

Luke, I'm just not feeling well. I was getting ready, but then my stomach turned. I'm sorry, I haven't left the Loo, but I will be there around lunchtime tomorrow, I need to rest so I can make that drive over to you okay? I can't wait to see you.

HAHN LI

( Upset )

Alright then, are you sure ? Then I will stop waiting for you. I am disappointed. But get some rest now. I will check on you in the morning to see how you are. I love you, Valerie.

Luke clicks off in disapproval and combs through his hair. He gets a call again from Valerie.

VALERIE

( Low toned voice )

Luke are you angry with me? If you are, please don't be. I'll be fine by tomorrow. I can't wait to see you it has been a while. I still love you, too. Please don't be disappointed.

Luke's face darkens navigating through his illness.

HAHN LI

( Insolent )

I don't like being rejected. Im disappointed, but I will get over it.

VALERIE

( Sighing )

I'm not feeling well and I have no bad intention.. I'm sorry you feel this way. I will see you tomorrow goodnight .

INT. MOTHERSHIP- NIGHT

The Los Angeles PD Team monitor Valerie's phone, and watched as Hahn temperament went into a fit of rage and threw his phone.

PATRICK NEAL

( Chuckles )

Yeah! Jackass, I know what you'll be doing in there, you selfish motherfucker. That guy has issues.

Before shutting down for the evening the team collaborates and prepares for Operation Valerie.

GC LEE

( Apprehensive )

Ah... shit, this is such a big risk to put her into this position. But she knew this and accepted to help this operation. She's courageous and ... admirable .

Lisa, Patrick and Kim were aware of his concerns for Valerie from months of tailgating into her life.

INT. MOTHERSHIP - OPERATION VALERIE - MORNING

Valerie arrives on time. The gate automatically slams shut. Patrick drives her Mercedes into the garage. Valerie dressed in a dress that accentuated her body and a pair of beige-colored heels.

KIM CHOI

( Smiles )

Good morning Ms. Coburn. I have coffee and pastries ready. Go help yourself please.

VALERIE

( Pleasantly Smiles )

Thank you Mr. Kim I need it. Your very kind.

LISA PARK

( Complimenting )

You look good Ms. Coburn. Hope you got some sleep. That dress is perfect. When GC arrives, we will go over the details once more ok ? He is on his way now, probably stuck in traffic.

GC Lee walks in, and everyone greets him. He looks directly at Valerie and nods.

VALERIE

( Nervously smiles )

Oh, I didn't realize he doesn't live here. I feel a little jittery it must be my nerves.

Lisa left her, and GC Lee headed over to Valerie.

GC LEE

( Concerned )

Good morning Valerie, did you sleep well? Is there anything you want to ask me? I know this is not easy going into the lion's den. Remember we will be watching and listening, act natural stay calm. It's not too late to back out...

We will be moving in closer to apprehend and arrest Hahn for good, regardless you don't go through with it.

You can start up a conversation about Bitcoins and you actually have been studying it and he is right especially now that the President is a Republican the stocks and Bitcoins have skyrocketed. Don't be too eager keep it steady.

Lisa will wire you from behind your bra you are in very close proximity with Hahn. Placing it in front could hinder the volume from hugs and etc. We need to hear everything closer and prepare to move in. We will follow you everywhere in the house from the screen monitor. Are you okay ?

VALERIE

( Anxious )

I've been better. I'm okay. I'm just a little nervous and want to get this over with. Being so close to him again...

Lisa signals for Valerie to follow her.

Valerie sits on a high stool in the kitchen, her dress wide open, revealing her black lace bra. Lisa Park wires and tapes her from her midriff and carefully attaches the device to Valerie's bra.

INT. KITCHEN - DAY

GC Lee enters.

GC LEE

( Embarrassed )

Oh, I'm sorry please excuse me ladies. I thought Ms.Coburn was ready. Yell to me when your done!

VALERIE

( Flustered )

It's alright I'm covered.

Valerie covers her breasts, GC Lee steps out. She watches him leave.

LISA PARK

( Giggles )

My boss is a fine gentleman underneath that stern face, is a real nice man. Old school, but tolerable.

INT. HAHN'S TOWNHOUSE - DAY

Valerie drives up to Hahn's townhouse. Walking carefully towards the entry door.

HAHN LI

( Smiling )

Hahn leans against the doorway watching Valerie.

Do you need help little lady? Ok take my hand, right this way. Baby your all dressed up for me. Wow you look so beautiful as always.

(MORE)

HAHN LI (CONT'D)

Come here , I want to hug you it's been awhile, oh I love the way you smell.

Valerie hugs Luke awkwardly.

VALERIE

( Giggles )

I know I seem to always need help. And I love getting dressed up, especially for you.

HAHN LI

( Smiling )

Thank you, Ive missed you very much.

EXT. TOWNHOUSE - DAY (CONT'D )

Valerie follows him in. Hahn stares at Valerie.

HAHN LI

( Sweetly )

Right this way, baby. Do you remember what this place looks like? You look a bit different and pale, but you're still beautiful as ever. Are you still feeling sick? I made lunch for us, or I can just make you tea.

VALERIE

( Nervous )

A cup of tea will be lovely. Thank you darling.

INT. HAHN LI TOWNHOUSE - DAY (CONT'D )

HAHN LI

( Charming )

Okay, stay here, baby. Sit down and make yourself comfortable. I'll be right back with your tea, madam.

Valerie sit on the white Leather sofa. The hidden cameras was in motion at the Mothership. Hahn coming in with a tray.

VALERIE

( Sweetly )

Oh here let me help you Luke. Thank you, what a beautiful tray.

He serves her a cup of tea. Valerie takes it and sips.

VALERIE (CONT'D)

( Tensed )

Mmm, this is so good. What is it ?  
I love the sweet taste of honey  
lemon. It makes me feel better  
already. Do you want to talk about  
Bitcoins ? Or do you want to talk  
about like where you have been?

Valerie finding a way to open up a discussion about money to  
stall for time.

HAHN LI

( Softly )

Shhh, don't speak I know you want  
to ...talk about everything but,  
I just want to look and hold you  
for a while okay? I have missed  
you, Valerie.

VALERIE

( Uneasy )

Okay, It's just that I, I ..

Hahn starts to move in closer, Hahn takes the cup from her  
hand and sits it down on the table.

Hahn placed Valerie's hand near his crotch, she pulls away  
gently.

HAHN LI

( Testing Her )

Let me freshen our tea bags, which  
has gotten cold. I'll be right  
back, baby so hang on. Then we can  
talk about anything you want.

Minutes goes by, Valerie sits on the white leather couch,  
attentively.

INT. MOTHERSHIP - DAY

GC Lee and Team monitors the scene. Hahn Li reappears with  
the fresh brew. He whispers something inaudible for them to  
hear.

INT. HAHN'S TOWNHOUSE ( CONT'D )

HAHN LI  
 ( Taunting )  
 Why is your account frozen ?

VALERIE  
 ( Caught Off guard )  
 What do you mean? How is that possible ?

Valerie holds her cup against her mouth. Holding his gaze.

HAHN LI  
 ( A Sinister smile )  
 It's alright I'll check it out again maybe a glitch in the system.

INT. MOTHERSHIP - CONT'D

The GC Lee and his Team gets ready for capture.

INT. HAHN'S TOWNHOUSE ( CONT'D )

Valerie breaks Luke's enchantment and stand. He pulled her back.

VALERIE  
 ( Compelling )  
 I need to use the restroom, I had to much tea darling, and I'll be right back. And we need to get back to talking about my investment with you. It's down that way, right?

HAHN LI  
 ( Seductive )  
 Hurry back okay please. I'm eager to be with you.

INT. THE MOTHERSHIP HOUSE - DAY

GC Lee and his Team were quickly gearing up to make their pursuit. On the monitor they missed Hahn swiftly follows Valerie.

INT. HAHN LI'S TOWNHOUSE - DAY

( O. S. )

Valerie walks towards the bathroom. She leans against the wall for support. The crushed date drug ( MOLLY ) Hahn slipped in her Tea was effective and takes control.

VALERIE  
 ( Disorientated )  
 Oh shit, where is the fucking  
 bathroom ? Oh my god whats  
 happening to me , Luke!

Valerie missed her way to the bathroom door. And was headed to the bedroom.

VALERIE (CONT'D)  
 ( Giggles )  
 Luke , oops I can't find the  
 bathroom ... did I have too much to  
 drink ?

He seized her by the hips. Luke catches her in his arms.

VALERIE (CONT'D)  
 ( immobilized )  
 Ah thank you for saving me... I

Luke took advantage of her state of mind. Valerie lost control and reciprocated to his kiss and touch. Valerie was drugged and delirious mentally.

He carries her and kicks the bedroom door open. He brings her over to his bed and lays her down.

VALERIE (CONT'D)  
 ( Gaspig Rapidly )  
 Mmmm, ahh ohh Luke, Luke come here.

Luke pulls off his T-shirt and unzips Valerie dress. He pulled her dress down to fully expose her breasts. Her naked torso was for his pleasure.

HAHN LI  
 ( Aroused )  
 Valerie, Valerie slow down baby.  
 I'm right here... ahh

Valerie hungrily grabs Luke, exploring her hands on his abs, and slides her hands down inside his joggers feeling his erection.

INT. HAHN'S BEDROOM - DAY (CONT'D )

Sounds of two people having sex.

VALERIE  
 ( Moaning In Pleasure )  
 Come here don't go don't stop.

Hahn's drugs dominated Valerie.

He felt something odd behind her, and see the small microphone inside her rumpled dress. He pulled Valerie up like a rag doll. With abruptness and shoves her down.

Hahn begins to rape Valerie violently. And continues to violate her body.

VALERIE (CONT'D)  
 ( Screaming )  
 Please stop hurting me. Help Help!  
 No! stop it Luke .

HAHN LI  
 ( Violent )  
 No one can hear you! Scream all you want.

INT. HAHN'S BEDROOM- DAY

Tell me, who are you working with ?  
 Who wired you? Wake up bitch! I'm a fool, and to think I loved you! You keep betraying me! I hate you! You fucking whore ! I'm going to kill you. Is that what you want, huh?

Hahn chokes her neck Valerie fighting to get up from under him, she is paralyzed. Tears rolled from her eyes.

Hahn removed his hands from around her neck. He takes a syringe from his pants, and quickly comes back on top of Valerie.

HAHN LI  
 ( Furious )  
 Look at me! Why? Why!

VALERIE  
 ( Gasping For Air )  
 Luke please let go of me, your hurting me. Please stop please.

HAHN LI  
 ( Outrage )  
 How could you do this to me huh ?  
 Why? I loved you! Tell me the truth!

Hahn's eyes red from rage. Breathing hard over her face. Valerie was unconscious then he kissed her hard. He stabs her thigh with the injection.

VALERIE  
 ( Small cry )  
 Luke, Luke please don't go, stay  
 with me don't hurt me...please....

Hahn packed up quickly and threw his laptop, computers, clothes into a large duffle bag, and gun ammunition box of bullets. He stuffed his gun in the back of his pants.

DT barking furiously inside his crate.

INT. MOTHERSHIP HOUSE - DAY

GC Lee stopped and yelled at Lisa to turn up the sound! Monitors were open in every angle of the rooms.

GC LEE  
 ( Horrified )  
 Hey, turn that up! No, no, this is  
 not supposed to happen! Let's move  
 out now. Go! GO! Now! Fuck! Fuck  
 that fucking asshole!

EXT. Street - day (CONT'D )

The team runs with their weapons drawn towards Hahn Li's townhouse. Patrick and Kim separated, while GC Lee and Lisa runs toward the Townhouse front door.

PATRICK NEAL  
 ( Shouting )  
 Lets go lets go! Kim take the back!

EXT. THE ALLEY - DAY

Hahn Li darts out in full speed into the alley. He turned a corner, Agent Kim Choi tackled him.

They fought combatively, Kim Choi leading with martial arts blows to Hahns face. Hahn pulled out his Glock, and shot Choi two times.

KIM CHOI  
 ( In Agony )  
 You son of a bitch! In Korean

Agent Kim Choi falls to the ground, Hahn Li continues to run to a nearby car.

Patrick runs towards the alley and finds Kim Choi's fallen body. He quickly applied pressure on Choi's wounds..

PATRICK NEAL

( Shouting )

Patrick calls for Back up shouting  
in his Mic Signal 36  
Help 10-18! Officer down, Officer  
down! Come on, man. Hang on. Look  
at me, Choi. You're our badass.  
Okay, stay with me, buddy. Stay  
with me.

Patrick continues to apply pressure on Choi's wounds. Sirens coming in closer from a distance.

INT. HAHN LI'S TOWNHOUSE

GC LEE

( Panting )

Ah shit! That Fucker !

GC Lee and Lisa Parks with their guns drawn, approached Hahn's doorway, two gunshots fired nearby. Patrick shouting in their earpiece calling for back up. Sirens nearing in the background.

A dog barks furiously. Lee runs to the bedroom, kicking a door to open. Valerie's body lying motionless. He covers her then checks for her pulse.

GC LEE (CONT'D)

( Relieved )

Lisa! Valerie is unconscious but,  
alive! Come on Valerie wake up, Im  
sorry

Gun still drawn, Lisa runs to the kitchen and garage, kicked the closed doors to clear.

LISA PARKS

( Shouting )

All clear, and all the computers  
are gone, Oh god, he left his dog  
behind. Its still in his crate,  
that asshole!

The ambulance arrives and EMT's hurried to revive Valerie from unconsciousness. GC Lee questions the Emergency medical tech.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECH  
( Professional )

Ms Coburn needs to be seen by a doctor and examined. She is heavily drugged, and she's a rape victim. She's slowly coming back , but we don't know what drugs he injected her with. She needs to be examined and blood drawn to determine the drugs in her system. She needs to be monitored properly overnight, hoping she is not internally harmed.

Valerie wakes up from being half dazed.

VALERIE  
( Hysterical )

Please, Lee, don't let them take me. I don't want to go, and I don't want to be examined. I don't want to be an experiment at the hospital! I'm alright.

Valerie passes out while being administered IV fluids.

GC LEE  
( Comforting )

I'm sorry, Valerie. We must have you checked out. Okay, I will accompany you and wait for you. Just take it easy. I will be right here. I wont leave you alone.

GC Lee watching Valerie closely and protective.

INT. VALERIE'S HOME - NEXT DAY

Valerie arrives back in her home accompanied by GC Lee. Her face disheveled and devastated.

Her neighborhood was bombarded with police patrols.

VALERIE  
( Irritated )

Lee if you don't mind , I would like to be alone. I think you can leave me, and I'll be fine. I will go straight to bed, okay?

(MORE)

VALERIE (CONT'D)

You need to rest, too. Thank you again for staying with me. Does my family know what happened to me Lee? Please I don't want any of them to know ok? Do not worry about me.

Valerie walks Lee to the front door incoherent.

GC LEE

(Persistent )

Valerie I said, to lock the door when I go okay? Hey listen to me please .

Lee lightly touches her hand slowing her pace. Valerie's eyes re-connects with him.

GC LEE (CONT'D)

( Worried )

Valerie you know that Hahn is still out there somewhere. I have patrol cars in the back and in the front. Call me for anything it doesn't matter what time...or if you want some company, I can stay here.

GC Lee turns to leave and Valerie follows him to the door. Lee makes eye contact with two officers in a patrolled car.

INT. EVENING - NIGHT

( P.O.V. )

Valerie lays awake staring up at the ceiling. Valerie got to her feet and walks to the bathroom and fills the tub. And comes back with her laptop and a glass of wine.

Valerie's robe falls to the tiled floor, and sinked into the tub.

VALERIE

( Relaxing )

Ah this feels so nice. Alone at last.

Valerie closed her eyes, suddenly her eyes sprung wide open, grabbed her computer. The computer's screen lights illuminates her untold expression.

EXT. STREET- DAWN

Valerie walked out of her front door unnoticed. Ditched the two sleeping officers and rolled her luggage quietly down the street to an awaiting Uber.

VALERIE  
 ( Whispers to Herself )  
 Yeah, right just like I thought.

EXT. LAX INTL. AIRPORT - DAY

Valerie in line to boarding her flight.

At sunrise, GC Lee discovers Valerie escaped and traced her phone. Patrol cops in a dilemma.

INT. ATHENS, GREECE - NEXT DAY

Valerie arrives at Athens International Airport. Her face unreadable reflects from the Taxi's window.

Valerie awaits at the Ferry Port alongside with other tourists.

VALERIE  
 ( Mutteres to herself )  
 Together ... forever yeah right  
 What a shit show that was Luke, a  
 fucking disappointment, a disaster.

Valerie sits alone, wearing sunglasses to shield her eyes from the emotional strain . A scarf around her neck covers her hair, cascading in the wind. Looking straight ahead, stoic and fearless.

EXT. SANTORINI, GREECE - HOTEL - DAY

Valerie arrives in Santorini island. She enters her room, opening all the windows and doors to a private terrace with a small swimming pool, overlooking the vast ocean view.

VALERIE  
 ( Whispers to Herself )  
 Ah how beautiful this is, I wish  
 this could have been different.

Valerie walks to the terrace align with Pink Bougainvillea. Breathing in the salted air from the blue ocean. stretching her limbs up to the early sun.

She removes her sunglasses and scarf, sweat trickles down her forehead. Tears begins falling down as she decompresses.

( O.S. )

Valerie does not hear footsteps coming from behind her. A hand touches her shoulder, shocking her momentarily she turns around in surprise her face changes into a beam of happiness.

VALERIE

( Smiles )

Lee, you followed me ... Why? How did you know where I was?

EXT. HOTEL VERANDA - DAY (CONT'D )

GC LEE

( Chuckles )

Because ... I'm a special Cop?  
Valerie I care deeply about you. I haven't been able to sleep not even on the flight here.

Thinking only of you and how I feel about you. I called your family telling them everything that had happened. I didn't want them to worry, so I also added that we would be here for a while. And it would be nice for you to rest, mediate and reflect.

Valerie moves to Lee. He holds her and they kissed passionately.

Nearby from another angle of the Veranda, someone with Binoculars peers head-on in their direction. In slow motion, the hand holding the Binoculars brought his arms down, slamming the Binoculars onto the glass table, causing it to crack.

FADE OUT

The END