

LOVE FINDS THE WAY

It all began on the day the 25 year-old Jim Wonder met at a busy bar the just twenty-one year old Katrina Jones...

Jim, as a child of a prosperous family who doesn't ever spoil a favor, was always accustomed to getting everything he wanted either it was a toy, a car or a woman. It was in his nature to always conquer what stood in his way without taking no as an answer. The same thing happened that night at the bar.

Since he was from the day he was born, rich he had reached a point of showing off his riches by following the footsteps of his father. And that attracted that night Katrina's attention, the way he made her feel special with spending all the money he had in his pocket , just to show her how much he liked her and the fact that he could do everything to have her. But what initially attracted him to her, was her brown eyes, her wild beauty and the indifference she was showing when he was looking at her. That indifference in her look each time he was trying to make a move drove him crazy and made him want her even more and that was her mistake, her ignoring him.

He had finally understood that by giving him endless attention and by besieging her with every chance, the only thing he managed to do was to make her be on the defensive. That's why he tried something completely different from what he used to....

He ignored her. He made himself so inaccessible that even if she wanted to talk to him, with his look only he was repelling her. This look of excitement that Katrina had seen the first time they met had now disappeared and its place had now taken a look full of indifference and disregard and this was something she couldn't handle, as she couldn't handle rejection. She had to do something...

But there was something that Jim didn't know, since he had been studying in France for almost seven years, is that Katrina was a very popular songwriter and singer with many fans in New York City. She always had a stormy personal life and many famous men such as actors, singers and directors had been in her life, but she had never had a long-lasting relationship due to the fact that she had a very bad childhood, since her father was very violent and because of that she never managed to trust any other man....

Some weeks later, one day before Jim's birthday, his father, told him about the party he had been organizing for the last two weeks. Something that he chose not to tell him was the guest star who would make an appearance in their bar, Katrina Jones....

Finally the time had come... Jim was waiting with impatience his special surprise that his father refused to tell him what it was when suddenly the lights turned off...

He felt an arm on his shoulder and he heard a soft woman's voice whispering «Happy Birthday» in his ear. When the lights were turned on, everyone were screaming and shouting her name «Katrina, Katrina, Katrina, we love youuuu!!!». She was wearing a breath taking, short, black, shiny dress. Jim was amazed and speechless at the same time...

Katrina chose to sing her newest song "Killing me softly" and made her fans and of course Jim got crazy. During the last chorus she got off the stage and got closer to Jim and started dancing and singing around him:

«Strumming my pain with his fingers, singing my life with his words, killing me softly with his songs, killing me softly with his songs, telling my whole life with his words, killing me softly with his song... »

When the song ended, Jim grabbed her hand and took her outside.

Jim: I think it's time for you to leave.

Katrina: Why?

Jim: I don't want you here...

Katrina: If I had known that this party was for you, I wouldn't have come here in the first place.

Jim: Oh! Now you didn't know!!

Katrina: I have the right to do whatever I want... You are not my boss!!!!

Jim: Well, at first, of course you can do whatever you want, it's your life, but not here and not in front of me!

Katrina: Why..?

Jim: Because...

Without finishing his last sentence, he grabbed her and started kissing her, with a kiss that was powerful enough to hide his insecurity. She couldn't resist him, her feelings were mixed, but that's what she wanted almost desperately from the moment she met him.

Their relationship moved to the next level very fast. Katrina was in love, she was sure about her feelings but we can't say the same about Jim...

Four months later, Jim's love started fading the time Katrina needed it the most... These months, Katrina and Jim were on the front page of almost all New York magazines since they were both very important people. Imagine how many things were written when she decided to leave New York for a while... They were all talking about them breaking up. Some of their titles were "Kim (Katrina & Jim) is no longer in (love)" and "Cry no more Katrina is gone!" Of course they both refused all these rumours which wanted them apart and they just said that Katrina's mother was in hospital and that's why she had to go to her home town for some weeks. But no one knew the truth...

One week before Katrina leave:

Katrina: I have to leave for a while...

Jim: OK, that's fine with me.

Katrina: You don't even care, don't you? It's just a game for you, isn't it?? Just forget it, I'm leaving.

Jim: What do you mean I don't care???! Of course I do!! I just think that we should stay apart for a while. I need some time for myself... You know how much I love you....

Katrina: I'm ...

Jim: You're what? ...

Katrina: I'm pregnant!!!

Katrina left the room crying, and regretting the moment she met him and she left Jim speechless. He didn't try to stop her, and that almost killed her.... The next day she left, with no goodbye....

Jim at first, felt guilty for screaming at her but then, he realized that it was a great opportunity to get rid of her, even though he wasn't sure what to do with the baby. He had decided to break up with her before she told him about the baby and that made his plans fall behind.

Katrina spent almost two months in South Otselic. During this period and while she was trying to «kill» her loneliness she wrote letters to Jim expressing her anxiety and fears.

South Otselic NY 19 June 1956

My dear Jim,

They say that when something has a wrong beginning it never has a good ending, but I hadn't understood what it really meant until today...

Jim, since I came here, I haven't stopped crying. If you were here I wouldn't feel so bad... I'm worried about everything and I'm scared dear... Do you miss me??? I'm feeling so lonely... Oh dear write to me... Please... Tell me you will come for me.

Forever yours, Katrina. But he never answered ... Until she threatened him that she would tell everyone about her pregnancy. But, his answer was completely different from what she had expected.

21 July 1956

Dear Katrina,

Forgive my sloppy writing but I'm not at home and I don't have another paper to write you. I got your letter yesterday evening, and I can tell you that I was quite surprised, even though I knew that you are quite dejected.... Don't worry so much and think less about your feelings.

p.s.: I'm having a great time with a couple of friends in a hotel near a lake, even though there are no girls.

Take care, Jim.

After a couple of days, when she read the letter, she replied immediately ...

South Otselic, NY 28 July 1956

My beloved Jim,

Dear, I think that I'll die from happiness when I see you. I'll try not to worry so much and not to believe the horrible things the other girls write me. I'm sure that you only love me. I think that they overreact .I'm glad you had a great time there. I wish I was there too. I really like water, even though I don't know how to swim. I'm crying and I can't write very well.

With all my love, Katrina.

It was very obvious that for Jim this relationship was over. The only thing he didn't know was how to get rid of her without drawing attention. That's why he came up with a new plan....

Nevertheless, one week after Katrina's last letter Jim sent one of his friends to take her to the hotel near the lake that he and his friends stayed last weekend. How romantic?? She thought.... So it happened.

They met in a Restaurant and then they went to their hotel. Their meeting wasn't exactly how Katrina thought it would be. There were no hugs or sweet words something that Katrina found weird. It was a quite awkward moment actually....

She was happy for the first time in two months. It was a lovely place. The sun was shinning, and the weather was hot, even though it was early November. Some time later, they left their room and went down to the lobby.

Jim: I'm sorry, can you tell me where the bar is?

Receptionist: Over there Sir, next to the stairs.

Jim: Thank you.

Receptionist: Can you please tell me your name, so I can send the receipt to your room?

Jim: Alexander Collins.

Receptionist: Okay, thank you... And what's your wife's name?

Jim: Her name is...

Katrina: I know what my name is dear... Katrina Jones, pleasure to meet you.

Receptionist: Nice to meet you too Madam. Will you pay now, or later?

Jim: Now... Here you are.

Receptionist: Thank you Sir, have a nice day.

Katrina: You too Sir.

When they left Katrina full of anger and confusion, asked Jim for explanation.

Katrina: What the hell was that??!?!?!?!

Jim: What do you mean what was that.....

Katrina: I'm talking about the name you told to the receptionist!

Jim: I didn't want anyone to find us! You ran out of your house, remember??

Katrina: ...

Jim: So, you are not talking to me...

Katrina: Can we please go back to the hotel? I'm tired... We'll discuss about it later... Jim: Whatever...

When they went back, Katrina fell asleep and left Jim alone with his thoughts. But his thoughts weren't as pure as Katrina's...

Late at night, Katrina had an awful feeling and that's why she decided to get up and drink some water. By the time she opened her eyes... She saw a strange shadow standing behind her with a knife. For a second she thought it was just a nightmare but when she turned around she saw Jim, trying to murder her. Automatically, she grabbed a vase that was on a table next to her bed and she hit him with it on the head.

Suddenly, she left from the balcony and started running away into the forest. Some minutes later Jim found his senses and started running behind her, since she hadn't

gone very far because of the darkness. With his big strides, he managed to reach her easily.

Then he started hitting her with everything he could find, even with rocks. After a monstrous fight, they reached the shore of the lake when he finally stopped hitting her for a while... Katrina having lost almost all her senses tried to figure out why that was happening.

Katrina: Why? ...

Jim: Believe me, I tried to forget, but it's not in people's nature to forget...

Katrina: To forget what?

Jim: Remember, when I was fighting with my father??

Katrina: Yes, so what.... Why are you doing this to me...??

Jim: You made me look weak... You acted like you were my boss, like I had no worth for you, like 'Katrina the Pop star' and 'Jim the bar owner'.

Katrina: This is the reason you're trying to kill me? I always loved you, no matter what everyone said!!!

Jim: I don't care anymore...

Jim's obsessions drove him crazy... In a moment of madness he pushed Katrina into the lake and he watched her crying and asking for help until she sank into the bottom of the lake...

Two days later, the police found the dead body of Katrina... However, no one knew where her 'husband' was. So, the police officers started searching in their hotel room for clues During the research, one maid that was working in the hotel gave them Katrina's letters. When they decided to ask her who gave her those letters, no one could find her...

By reading the letters, they found out the real name of Katrina's husband and two days later, they found him drinking in a bar. He never confessed the truth and when the Judge asked him why he did it, he took the policeman's gun and killed himself.

As for the young maid who gave the letters, when the hotel employers were asked by the police officers to find this girl, no one knew about her. The local people say that it was Katrina's ghost who had finally found peace.

The End...

Sometimes, love wins, but sometimes not

In a perfect world, where fairytales and true love always wins, Katrina and Sim seem like the perfect couple.. But.... Are they ..?

Behind the lights of publicity, things doesn't seem so nice...