

Blue Rose

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INT. FLOWER SHOP.
DAY

Val is a 24 year old girl. She is wearing a dark red crop top with black skinny jeans. Her white high heel shoes and her bohemian style bracelets indicate that she's definitely watching out for her style.

Val is walking around in the shop to place the flowers and cutting some of the twigs and leaves, She puts them in the bucket and brings it to the corner of the shop. Val then walks up to the table and selects a song to play. Then she's singing along with it sometimes. She looks pretty chilled and in a good mood.

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Music at the background: Take Me by Rufus

Val is sitting at the table and playing with the computer.

PART I: DAVID

A 30 something guy who's wearing black sloppy jeans with a blue plaid shirt walks in. It looks like he is just browsing, doesn't really know what he's looking for exactly. His name is DAVID.

Val is still sitting on her chair but constantly looking up at him to see if he needs any assistance.

wandering about for a while, he walks directly to those chocolate bouquets and picks up one of those, a rather small one and walks to Val.

DAVID
(with a sneaky smile,
flirtatiously and confidently)

Hello, how are weeeeeee?

VAL
Pretty good, what can I do for you?

DAVID
Good. Hey I'm just wondering if you
can get me another one of
this. Thanks darling

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VAL

Sure

Val goes to the storage room to get him another bunch.

Meanwhile, David looks around the shop.

DAVID

Gee, this is a cool joint, aye?
Man, how long have you worked here?

VAL

Almost a year. I've been working
here since I came to Australia.

DAVID

Oh woah sweet. Where are you from?

VAL

(looks ashamed)

Umm, Germany

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Val walks out of the storage room

While she's still holding the other bouquet, David puts down the bouquet in his hand and takes his wallet out of the pocket on his shirt, he takes out two 50\$ notes and give them to Val. He's going to take them both.

Val takes the money and walks to the till and gets him the change.

David picks the cards for the bouquets.

David walks to Val and there's a selection of cards on the shelf, so he picks up the ones with purple orchids at the background, this doesn't take him that much time, he just randomly picked one.

Val gets him a pen and he writes on the first card without really spending too much time thinking:

"To ma beautiful gurl, happy 5th year anniversary!! Love ya long time cutie, lolz. Xoxo -Dave".

Val deliberately tries to not look at what he puts on the card.

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Val walks back to the table and takes a sip from her water bottle. While she's swallowing down the water, she's still having that disgusted look on her face.

Then she pulls off her phone from the bag and checks if there are any messages for her, but nope, maybe not yet. Val looks a bit disappointed so she puts back the phone and takes a deep breath and slowly walks into the storage room to get another chocolate bouquet to put it on the shelf.

Then she walks back to her chair and keeps on doing whatever she was doing before David walks in.

Val is staring at the screen and playing with the mouse, sometimes she'll look up and look outside of the shop, just looks around as if she's making a hard decision or waiting for something or someone.

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Music at the background: Stolen Dance by Milky Chance

PART II: SOFIA

Around lunch time, Val took out her lunch box, it's just a simple kale salad with balsamic vinegar source. She's really enjoying her lunch though, chewing it slowly and nodding her head a bit along with the music in the shop.

Just before she takes the last bite of her salad, SOFIA walks in.

She is a pretty Asian girl, long straight black hair with black framed specs. She looks like she's in her early 20s, she's wearing a big green backpack and pink hoodie with a pair of black sweat pants.

VAL
Hey, how are you?

SOFIA
Oh hi.

VAL
Can [U+FF29]help you with anything?

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SOFIA

No, I'm good, thanks.

Sofia replies all the questions without even looking at Val. She looks a bit distracted or probably just too concentrated on picking the perfect bouquet.

Sofia walks directly to the bunch of flowers with the name tag Tina on the shelf, which is on sale, 10 bucks off now. There're all kinds of orange coloured flowers like sunflowers, tulips and small roses.

Sofia picks it up and bring it to Val, who's just finished her lunch and closed the lid of her lunchbox.

Val clears her throat and is ready to talk. But Sofia talks at first.

SOFIA

Hey, can I just take this?

VAL

Yeah sure, I'll just wrap it up for you.

Sofia puts down the bouquet and walks to the card shelf and spends a decent amount of time browsing the cards.

She picks up the ones that she likes, the pink one and then another blue one and then a purple one with balloons on it. She takes a closer look that these three and eventually puts down the first two.

Val hands her a ball pen with her warm smile, like she's the girl's older sister and trying to help that kind of smile.

Sofia takes over the pen and bows a little to Val.

SOFIA

Thanks!

Sofia pulls out her big Samsung mobile from the front pocket of the bag and opens the "note" on her phone and puts the phone on the desk.

She starts to write and copy the words on the note,
"To my Kristy, be true to what you are, you need me, not him. I'm always here for you. Happy Birthday! I love you, Sofia,"
 with a heart at the end of the sentence on the card.

Val sees it and she looks up at Sofia, meanwhile Sofia looks up at Val too, without any facial expressions on her face.

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But Val looks like she's feeling sorry for her but doesn't really know if she should say it, so Val just nods a little as if she's saying she understands.

Then Sofia pulls out her credit card and pays the bill.

Val wraps up the flowers neatly and hands them to Sofia with another big smile.

Val knows.

Out of sympathy, Val is trying to talk to Sofia while she is packing her bag.

VAL
Have you heard of this band?

SOFIA
Ahh no.

VAL
What music do you listen to?

SOFIA
Not a lot. Thanks.

Sofia has already packed her bag and is ready to leave.

It seems this girl isn't in the mood for a chat with a stranger.

Her coldness makes Val realize that what she's trying to do is pretty helpless.

But Val is a nice girl, she walks up to a bucket of sunflowers at the front door and picks a pink one and gives it to Sofia, again, with a nice lovely smile. Sofia takes the flower and looks surprised and happy.

SOFIA
Oh haha, thanks so much. See ya!

VAL
No worries, have a nice day!

Val slowly walks back to the counter and pauses a little, looking tired.

Val sits down on the chair and keeps staring at the PC and plays with the green bracelets she's wearing on her right wrist.

INC. FLOWER SHOP.
EVENING

Music at the background: Nobody to Love by Sigma

PART III: NICK

Val is cleaning the shop as it's time to close the shop. Clack, clack, clack..... A twenty something white collar with perfectly neat suits rushes in the shop, the noise of the shoes sounds pretty annoying, almost a bit feminine.

This is NICK. He quickly walks to Val asks for the cheapest flowers she's got.

NICK

Hey, how are you? I want the cheapest bouquet here.

VAL

Hi yeah, these ones.

Val points to Nick the ones on sale today.

Nick randomly picks up one without looking at it.

NICK

How much?

VAL

35 bucks

NICK

You sure this is the cheapest ones here?

VAL

Yeah, these are the cheapest you can get here.

NICK

(rolling his eyes)

Fine, I'll take them.

Nick pulls out his debit card out from the wallet, paying with savings. Then he grabs a card and pen and writes

" *happy 3rd month anniversary, bae- Nick.*" Immediately after him writing on that card,

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VAL
Ahh, that's another 4 bucks

NICK
(annoyed)
Can I, can I return it?

VAL
Huh? But you wrote on here already.

NICK
(smiles awkwardly)
Well, you can keep it for your 3rd
month anniversary with your
boyfriend, just need to scratch off
my name.

VAL
(agitated)
What? I don't have a boyfriend,
never had one.

NICK
Jeez, are you serious? Like ever?

VAL
Why would I lie about that?

NICK
Oh well. Being in a relationship
isn't always good. My exes are
crazy. Girls are just.....Huh,
maybe this one won't last long
either. Hmmm

Val just looks at Nick, she nods a lot like she's not even listening.

NICK
(peering)
This is weird. How come you've
never had one?

VAL
(frustrated and embarrassed)
Nah, I don't wanna talk about
it. Look, I'm closing in 10 minutes
so you might have to leave.

NICK
Ohhh, ok. Well, thanks

Nick takes the flowers and walks out of the shop.

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DAWN

Phone rings.

Val picks up the phone.

VAL
Hello. Yeah, yep....sure. See ya!

Val looks cheered up after getting the phone call. She clicks the mouse and plays another song.
Music at the background: Love Reign Over Me by David Holmes

EXT. BACKDOOR.
DAWN

Val hums with the song and she walks up to the door with her mobile phone at hand.

A white car arrives and Val quickly runs to the trunk boot and waits for the driver to come up.
The middle aged driver walks up and says hi to Val. Val looks stoked like a teenager waiting to open her Christmas presents.

The driver opens up the boot and there are bunches of blue roses.

Val's eyes are wide opened. She's excited to see them for real.

VAL
(giggling in a tremulous
voice)
Scheiße! Oh my god, look at them!

Val keeps smiling.

The driver smiles back and nods.

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Val helps the driver to move all the flowers inside, quick and neat, as if she can't wait to let these stunning babies in.

The driver leaves and all the blue roses are placed at the most prominent place of the shop.

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Val takes out her phone and takes a few snaps of the roses and she lifts up one bunch of them and holds it to take some selfies with them.

Val doesn't act coy like a girly girl when she's posing for the selfies. Instead, she just holds it, with her typical warm smile on her face. That smile on Val's face is even brighter than the ones she's ever shown to anyone today.

Then she pulls out her contact list on her phone. She's scrolling down the page and almost stops at every name. She pauses for a sec at Sean, then she looks down, thinking about something then she keeps scrolling. Stopping at Louise and she shakes her head a bit and retracts her lips; she stops at Jarred, she smiles for a while like she's reliving the moment she has with him, she looks out of the shop for a sec and shuts her eyes a bit and takes a deep breath; she stops at the name Elliot, but she then quickly scrolls down to Nicole and Zoe. She stops at the name Zoe for another sec.

VAL (V/O)

Nien!

She shakes her head and grabs her hair a little like she thinks whatever she's been doing just now was a terrible idea.

The bright smile is gradually gone, replaced by a gloom look. It almost looks like there're going to be tears rolling down her face soon. But it didn't happen because now she looks all tired and worn out, like what has been happening today finally shows on her face.

Val walks up to the computer and turns off the music.

She sits down

VAL (V/O),

(o/s)

Nein. Nun da der Tag gekommen ist,
wo meine geliebte Rose endlich
angekommen ist ,habe ich trotzdem
niemand zu dem ich sie geben kann.
Das ist armselig. Ich bin armselig.
Hast du das gehoert, Val? Du bist
verdammt armselig.

Subtitles on the screen:

No, nah, hmm nope, god no. Jesus, now that I finally wait to the day to see my favorite thing arrived, but I can't even find someone to give them to. God, this is pathetic. I'm pathetic. Did you hear that, Val? You're fucking pathetic

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She slowly looks around at the shop and then takes a deep breath.

(Close shot on the computer screen):the page she's been visiting all day. It's a flight booking website and she's looking at the single ticket to fly back to Germany in a week.

The End