



Light My Fire

Book 2 In Hot Pursuit

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Chapter 1



The first time Brian called Meryl, he noticed it went straight to voicemail. Maybe it was because she worked late that night. Brian decided to call again in a couple of hours. He held the phone to his ear, his hands threaded in his brown hair, sitting there against the table. He wore a simple black button-down and some black pants, no tie since he was at home. His hair was styled, but as Brian continued to hold his hands there, it looked a little more tousled.

A few hours turned into a week and a half. The wedding happened, and while Brian was happy to be there, he kind of wished Meryl tagged along. After all, she was at the bachelor party, and being single here felt so weird. Everyone else had a date, and Brian preferred going alone in theory, but he definitely wished he could've seen her. He wore a simple black suit, since he was one of the men in the wedding, and despite his hair being styled back, only a small little trail of stubble on his face, and his big brown eyes wide with happiness, in his heart, he felt a little lonely.

He wondered if Meryl felt the same way.

He tried again the next day, but again, straight to voicemail. Either she was bad at answering the phone or something, but every time he tried, it wouldn't go through. He thought she might call him too, but it wasn't the case.

He wouldn't let this opportunity get the best of him. He sat down at his computer, typing up case notes for his next client. It was another luckless man who was the victim of an insurance scandal, where the person was claiming he owed them money for an accident due to injuries when in reality, Brian knew it was to get money. After finishing that, he looked at his phone once more.