

Chapter 1

After the Noxus incident that happened to Lucas, his friends, and the sum of roughly 1500 people, the town of Fountain Inn was pretty shaken up. Especially since the Noxus Idealists hadn't made a news or article statement yet either. Lucas hadn't heard from Andrew on top of that. But what made Lucas and the buddy club even more shaken up was a letter they received just the day after the incident. It was from their old math teacher, Ms Modrak. Or what she used to call in the secret letters, The Fountain Inn Vase. It read,

To the Buddy Club,

I can't write for long, otherwise it will be reviewed by him. All I need to say is this, you're running out of time. The one that is pulling the strings isn't Mr Hill, it isn't Joseph, the security guard you saw before, it's a man with extreme power in the school based system. He has sought you out, and is going to get what he wants. What it is can't be said, but only described. So 3 must become one, in the form of a stone. It's first one, at the Carnival.

From The Fountain Inn Vase

As Lucas handed it to Leim, who was supposedly the smartest person in the buddy club after Marcus betrayed them, Leim tried to decipher it. "Well there's one thing I

can say for sure. The real enemy we're facing is none other than Superintendent Thomas, the current superintendent for the state's school system. I had a hunch about him being the one behind this for a while, I just didn't have it written down. One other theory I had was from the conversation between Stacy and Security Officer Joseph that Jordan gave us a while back. I wrote it down, let me see, what did it say, oh yes. Here it is." Leim then pulled out a slip of paper and showed it to Lucas. It read, *"So, after all this time, I finally get to meet his daughter, Stacy White."*

"What do you want from me?"

"Oh, nothing really, I just wanted to get a hold of you so I could meet you in the future."

"I don't want this."

"Your father hired me for this specific reason, My only job is to retrieve you, no matter the cost."

"No matter the cost? We will see about that."

"Yes we will, he also mentioned something else, he said I could retrieve you, dead, or alive."

Leim then said, "This is just a hunch, but I did some digging, and found an old article that was unpublished that had some pretty interesting names on there. Thomas White to be particular." Lucas then almost threw up. "I'm not saying she's 100% related to Superintendent Thomas, it's just a theory, but..." Leim stated. "We will not mention this to Leo, he would flip." Lucas said darkly. "Yes, I know.

Also, about the more complicated parts of this letter from Modrak. She said, *“What it is can’t be said, but only described. So 3 must become one, in the form of a stone.”* My best conclusion from this and from what she said prior about Superintendent Thomas getting what he wants, I think he’s trying to collect something. Maybe a stone of some sort. I know it sounds stupid, but that’s all we got. The last part of the letter may not make sense of what it means, it does make sense on what we have to do. It says, *“It’s first one, at the Carnival.”* Which implies that there might be more than one stone he’s collecting, and the first one might be at the local carnival coming to town.” Leim stated. Lucas was painfully aware that most not of this information he was just given were theories, but it was all they had. “If only we knew where Sarah was.” Lucas sighed. “Yes indeed.” Leim responded. “Well thanks for the information, we best tell the others, just not the part about Stacy.” Lucas then said. “Right, I’ll tell them in the group chat right away. Anyways, I should get back to class.” Leim said, as he started walking away. Lucas then started walking to his classroom as well. When he got there, he saw his teacher passing a paper out. “What is this?” Lucas asked her. It was in Lucas’s first period class with the teacher being Ms Laura. “This is a reminder from the principal Mr Irvin to keep your grades up so you can participate in the midterm Fury Cup. You would really want to attend it, it’s at school, and you face off against other

classes, and on top of that, The Noxus Idealists are sponsoring it! It's going to be super fun!" Ms Laura said as she handed Lucas a flyer. "Midterm Fury Cup." Lucas murmured to himself. Finally when the school day ended, Lucas went to meet up with the buddy club for a discussion. When Lucas arrived at the park, where they all decided to meet up at, Leim spilled the information they received. "This is big news, but the only problem is the carnival is tomorrow, can we all make it?" Kaleb asked. "I can't make it, sorry." Natalie spoke. "Me either." Ethan added. "I'm busy too." Neptune stated. There was then a brief pause, until Benjamin said, "I guess everyone else can go." "Good, this will work, whatever we need to collect before Superintendent Thomas, we will." Lucas proclaimed.

Chapter 2

At the same tall building, where Superintendent Thomas had always been at, Superintendent Thomas heard someone burst into his office. "We made a deal!" Superintendent Thomas heard Chief Counselor Zayn yell. "You made a deal to not tell The Three about your stupid quest for those weird stones!" Chief Counselor Zayn protested. "The stones are not weird. They are actually

USB ports for a mainstream computer network. Unfortunately that Pricilla person had to mess it up and scatter them, as well as make a safety kill code that Stacy has now. Luckily she's too afraid to come out of her shell and stop us now." Superintendent Thomas spoke. "Also, I only told one of them to collect the stone that's hidden at a local carnival and I told them to get it at all costs. They still know nothing." Superintendent Thomas added. "Now get out, or your term will end early." Superintendent Thomas finished. Chief Counselor Zayn then scowled and left the room. Back at the Fountain Inn High School, Lucas was sitting in his second period class, when he noticed one kid staring at him weirdly. Lucas tried to ignore it, and eventually the class ended. When Lucas was about to leave, the kid that was staring at him walked up to Lucas. "You're Lucas aren't you?" The boy said. "Yes, that's me." Lucas responded. "I'm Landon, I might have some information that you might want to hear regarding the person you're trying to find." Lucas heard Landon say. "What?" Lucas echoed. How did this random person know anything about what he and his friends were doing? Lucas thought to be himself. "I'm more formally known as Ralsei in my profession." Landon then said. "What's your profession?" Lucas pressed. "My profession is in service and protection over the leader of our secret organization." Landon spoke. Lucas had a feeling he was just being silly, but it still didn't make sense about how he knew about

them trying to find Sarah and Stacy. "Who's your leader?" Lucas asked. "Her name is Pricilla, that's all you need to know." Landon stated. Lucas then noticed that it was almost already the beginning of his next class! "I got to go, Landon, see you later." Lucas called out. As Lucas was walking towards his next class, he noticed the principal looking at him with curiosity in his eyes. Lucas tried to ignore it, and kept walking. When he entered his next class, he prepared for his bell work. After all the work in the class, it was finally time for lunch, where Lucas could sit with all his friends! While he was walking with his food to where he and his friends sat, he was then tripped by someone. It was Cody, the one from Camp Crise! "Long time no see." Cody scoffed. "Cody, what do you want?" Lucas asked, as he got up from the ground, his food spilled all over. "I want you to know something. What you're trying to solve with your friends, it's not going to work. And I want to assure you that I'll try to stop you as well, for all the trouble you caused me." Cody spoke, and then just left. Lucas then saw his friends walk over to see what happened. "It was Cody. He tripped me, then went on about how he'll stop us." Lucas said. "He doesn't know what we're all capable of together." James spoke. "He's right, after all the carnival is tonight, and we have lots of us going. They don't stand a chance." Kaleb stated. "True, we should all meet up at the front gate of the carnival and start spitting up to find where the stone might be." Leo

responded. “Ok.” All of the buddy club responded. After a couple of hours passed, Lucas arrived at the carnival’s front gates, and saw Leo, Kaleb, James, Elsy, Benjamin, Jake, Sofia, Allysa, and Leim. “Alright, we shouldn’t waste any more time, split up into groups and try to find a stone hidden somewhere here. Also it would help if you can try to find someone strange looking for something as well that is probably working for Superintendent Thomas.” Leo announced. “Right.” The buddy club chanted. “Then let the battle for who finds the stone first begin!” Leo shouted. Meanwhile, somewhere in the crowd, a person with strange hair whispered to a tall boy with long brown hair, “Let the battle begin indeed...”

Chapter 3

It was decided that Lucas, James, Leim, and Allysa walked over to the rides section of the carnival, while Kaleb, Leo, Benjamin, Jake, and Sofia went to the games section of the carnival. As Lucas and his group started walking around the rides area, he noticed that there were roughly 7 different rides set up. As Lucas and his friends looked at Leim for guidance, he then spoke. He said, “We should look for any suspicious people at each of the ride

locations, and once we narrow it down, swarm that ride until we find the stone.” Lucas, James, and Allysa then nodded and started walking over to the ride with the most people. The ride was one of the tea cup styled rides and had the largest line. But all of them looked normal. Lucas then heard Allysa call their names from a different ride. Lucas, James, and Leim then walked over to Allysa, who was standing near the go carts ride. “I think I see Griffin from the Noxus Idealists.” Allysa pointed out. Lucas then recalled the moment when he first saw Griffin. He was with Andrew at the Noxus Dome and it was the day the dome was practically destroyed from Axton. Griffin was a tall boy with strange hair and his smile looked like it was from a horror movie. When Allysa said this, Lucas immediately knew that Griffin was the one after the stone. As Lucas continued to stare, he met eye contact with Griffin, which made Lucas look away. Lucas and his friends then heard a lady’s voice shout, “Welcome everyone to the Go Cart Race tournament! Where the winner will receive the magnificent shiny stoned trophy and a 100 dollar gift card!” Lucas knew it couldn’t be a coincidence. As Lucas turned to see the lady, she was holding the trophy, which indeed had a big, shiny, purple stone attached to the center of the trophy. “Now, if you would like to enroll in the tournament, put your names on the sheet, as the race will be at the end of the night before the carnival closes.” The lady added. “We have to all enroll for a greater chance of success.”

Allysa whispered. "You're right, if we all compete, the chances of losing are super slim. The only problem is we might face off against each other." Leim stated. "Then we will just have to go against each other, this is an opportunity we can't pass." James responded. "What do you think Lucas? Should we go through with it?" Allysa asked Lucas. "We must." Lucas responded. Lucas then felt someone's hands touch his shoulder. It was Griffin. "You're friends with Andrew, right?" Lucas heard Griffin ask. "Yeah, yeah I am." Lucas stammered. "And you're after the stone as well I'm guessing?" Griffin added. Lucas then gathered enough courage to face Griffin. "Yes, I am after the stone, and I will get it, no matter the cost!" Lucas proclaimed. "Well then, we'll just have to see who wins then." Griffin responded, as he walked into the crowd, disappearing from view...

Chapter 4

Far away from the carnival, at the edge of town, Joseph was walking towards a neighborhood, carrying a big black bag. When he arrived at a certain house, he dropped the bag at the house with a note attached to it. Joseph then rang the doorbell and walked away. When the person opened it, they opened the bag and screamed. It was

Natalie who opened the door, and when she opened the big black bag, she saw one of the buddy club members' bodies inside. It was Ethan's. Back at the carnival, Leo, Kaleb, Benjamin, Jake, and Sofia met up with Lucas, James, Leim, and Allysa. "So you're saying that Griffin is the one after the stone!?" Leo echoed once Lucas explained the situation. "Unfortunately though, you all missed the sign up time. Luckily me, James, Leim, and Allysa got to sign up. All we have to do is win the races and we get the stone." Lucas spoke. "Alright everyone, the tournament starts in 3 minutes, if you are participating, please check in at the table and if you're up first, gear up." The announcer stated through a megaphone. "I guess it's that time." Lucas sighed. "Good luck." Benjamin called out as Lucas, James, Leim, and Allysa walked to the check in stand. When they arrived, they looked to see the match ups. It said,

Round 1- Lucas VS Sam
Round 2- Julia VS Griffin
Round 3- Leim VS Donald
Round 4- James VS Allysa
Round 5- Maldoon VS Jeren

Lucas was first. "Good luck Lucas." Allysa called out as Lucas geared up and sat in one of the racing go karts. "Alright, the rules are simple, there are no rules, besides

being the first one that crosses the finish line first moves on. Got it?" The announcer asked. Lucas nodded, and then faced the man who he was facing against. "Good luck." Lucas called out as he started putting his foot near the gas pedal. "3, 2, 1, GO!" The announcer called out. Lucas immediately started driving as fast as he could. He would've thought it was really fun, if it wasn't for the sake of completing their mission to find out Stacy's past. As Lucas was making the turn, he forgot that all rules were acceptable. "Sorry!" Lucas called out in advance, as he started bouncing off Sam's go kart to add extra speed. After he did this, he made it across the finish line. Lucas didn't see himself cross first, but he heard all his friends cheering him on, letting him know he passed. As Lucas got out, all his friends congratulated him, but Lucas stopped them abruptly saying, "It's only just starting, we have to focus." Everyone then nodded and began to start watching Griffin's match...

Chapter 5

Back at Natalie's house, Natalie and her family had called the cops and removed the body from the primesense. "Did you see who put the body here?" A police officer asked Natalie. "No, I heard the doorbell ring and saw it, that's it." Natalie stammered. "Ok, leave the investigation to us." The police officer finished, as he walked back to his car. Natalie knew she should have shown them the note that was on the bag, but she just couldn't bring herself to it. After all, the note had important information on her and her friends' investigation. The note was from Joseph, it said,

*Dear Natalie, you don't know how hard
It was to find your address, it took awhile.
but now I have it. I was sent by Axton who
wants to meet you, at Superintendent
Thomas's statue tonight, at Midnight.
If you don't show, he said he'll kill more
of your friends as he did to this one in
here, I suggest you go.*

By Joseph

Natalie made her mind up. She couldn't risk anyone's lives anymore. She had to face whatever was going to be in front of her. Meanwhile, back at the carnival, unfortunately

for the buddy club, Griffin won his match. When Leim did his match he lost unfortunately. Next up was Allysa Vs James! Sadly only one could win, and it was Allysa. The last round was with two random people, Jeren Vs Maldoon. Jeren won. Jeren seemed to be working with Griffin, since they talked to each other a lot. The next match ups then started, Lucas being in the first one with Griffin! "Good luck." Griffin said. "You're going to need it." He added. Lucas then turned to his friends who nodded to indicate that he could do this. Lucas then got in the go kart, and the race began! At first, Lucas was ahead, but soon Griffin was catching up! In an instant, Lucas was winning, and was right about to cross the finish line, but Griffin was faster! Griffin passed Lucas at the last second! "No!" All the buddy club complained. Lucas lost to Griffin! As Lucas got out of the go kart, he walked over to his friends. They then all congratulated him for making it as far as he did. After a few short minutes of watching, Lucas was relieved to see Allysa move on. As for the last match for round 2, it never happened. It seemed to Lucas that Jeren left the carnival already. It was now the final match up, Allysa VS Griffin! As the match began, Lucas got a call from an unknown number. Lucas hesitated to answer, but did. When he answered, he heard Landon, the kid from his 1st class at school. "I advise you to not get discouraged if you don't get the stone from the trophy." Landon spoke. "Why? How do you know about the stones?" Lucas asked.

“Meet me and Sarah at the edge of the carnival as soon as you can.” Landon answered, and hung up practically as soon as he called. Lucas was in awe. Sarah was here! They were finally going to meet her after all this time!” Lucas immediately started trying to get Leo’s attention. “What is it?” Leo asked, still trying to see the race. “Sarah is here, and I know how to get to her!” Lucas shouted. Lucas then heard the announcer yell, “Griffin wins!” Lucas had no time, he had to gather his friends so they could finally learn the truth! As Allysa got out of the go kart, Leo motioned to all of the buddy club, Kaleb, Benjamin, Jake, Sofia, James, Leim, and Allysa to listen to Lucas. “Follow me, Sarah is here, and I know where. They are waiting for us!” Lucas shouted as he and his friends started running in the direction of Lucas, who was running to the corner of the carnival. Lucas finally spotted Landon standing with another girl that looked older than him, and another boy that was probably the same age as Landon. “Good, you came.” The older girl’s voice spoke. “Pricilla!?” Leo echoed. “You know her?” James asked. “I saw her with Stacy once.” Leo answered. “Tell us everything!” Lucas stated. “I’ll introduce myself and my team. I am Pricilla, the leader of our organization, my code name is Sarah, used for secret messages between other people. Landon is my second, his code name Ralsei. Last person with us is Gramm. Code name, Pyro. We are an organization that used to work with the police to get dirt on the

superintendent of South Carolina, as we had suspicions of illegal activity. Soon though, the police stopped the project, but we continued it, finding even more information on the case of Superintendent Thomas. I'll warn you, there is some information here, that is crazy, are you ready?" Pricilla asked the Buddy Club. "Yes, yes we are!" Lucas announced...

Chapter 6

"Alright, first up, our case began when we noticed that Thomas, the superintendent, didn't have a proper backstory or record of his name or any important documents. We think after he became the superintendent, he destroyed them all. After our organization was stopped from the police, we decided to continue, learning he had a daughter that he abandoned. Stacy White. Thomas White's wife supposedly died, but we knew that wasn't what truly happened. We will get to that later. After his wife's death, and his daughter's birth, he gave up his daughter to his second in command, Modrak, or the fountain inn vase. She cared for Stacy until Thomas decided to get rid of the evidence that he abandoned his child, so he told Modrak to put Stacy in an orphanage. Soon after, Leo's family adopted her. But it's not the end.

As Stacy grew up, I also learned about this information about Stacy. And I learned the real reason why he killed his wife. It's because his wife found out his evil master plan to blow up every school in South Carolina. Why he wants to is still unknown, as is his history, but once I learned this, I confronted him about it, and realized he was planning to blow the schools up again. His plan was almost complete, since the bombs were made inside the school walls once the schools were originally built, he just needed code to blow them all up at the same time remotely. Fortunately, I managed to split the code into three sections when I snuck into his office and put them in USB ports to be hidden across the city. I also made a kill code if all else failed and gave it to Stacy when I met her and told her everything about her father. Thomas then realized I split his code into three sections and disguised them to look like stones because of his goons lurking everywhere. He also tried to stop Stacy via one of his many goons, the one being Mr Hill, the vice principal at Rudolph Gordon Middle School. Mr Hill did get Stacy falsely arrested, but I assume Stacy still has the kill code with her. That's pretty much everything. Unfortunately though, we are still looking for Stacy." Pricilla finished. Lucas knew Stacy wasn't related to Leo, but this was crazy! "So the stones are actually USB ports with code in each of them to help destroy all of the schools?" Leim repeated, having a shocked expression like everyone else.

“Precisely.” Pricilla answered. “How come you didn’t just delete all the code when you were there?” James asked. “Unfortunately the code didn’t go in the trash application. I have a feeling that Thomas has someone that is still hiding in the shadows that might be the brains behind his plan.” Pricilla responded to James. “It’s getting late, we should go.” Pricilla added, as she, Landon, and the other kid Gramm, started walking out of the carnival. “We’ll keep in touch.” Landon spoke as he turned to Lucas. And with that, the three people left the buddy club speechless. As Lucas was walking out of the carnival with the buddy club at his side, he saw an old text from Neptune on his phone. It said,

“Ethan is dead! Security Officer Joseph killed him and is threatening Natalie! I tried to stop her, but Natalie went rogue and is going after Security Officer Joseph and that Axton guy! Please respond as soon as possible!”

- Neptune

Lucas’s heart stopped. Ethan was dead? At that moment Lucas remembered that Axton was looking for Natalie, but why? And was Natalie really going after them? Lucas then couldn’t help but feel that she was doing the same as what he did. She was looking after her friends. Lucas then knew that he had to help her. And fast...