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Aurora: **1**

For a few minutes, I couldn't move.

Was I dreaming?

That was the first thought that crossed my mind.

However, he didn't vanish but stood there, I got up suddenly and raced to him.

"Goddess... Oh, Goddess... it's you..."

He not only caught me but also pulled me into a fierce hug. We were meeting after such a long time. As if ... almost a lifetime had passed.

"Jai!" I sobbed and felt his arms tightening around me, "You came!"

He stayed quiet, but his warm breathing against my neck told me that he was really there, "Wh... what took you so long..." I asked him in a teary voice, "Why didn't you... Oh Goddess."

I hid my face in his chest.

"I didn't have enough courage to look into your eyes," His whisper made my body go stiff as I drew back to look at him.

Tears were gliding down his face, too.

"I... I nearly destroyed you, Aurora... and..." I

quickly placed my fingers on his lips.

"Shh..."

He closed his eyes and shook his head as if trying to assure himself that we were at last together.

"How are you?" He cupped my cheek gently and then looked behind me, where Clara was sleeping peacefully in her cot.

I followed his gaze and let out a teary chuckle, "Isn't she beautiful?"

He nodded and smiled, "Just like her mommy."

For a few moments, we didn't say anything and stared at each other.

"Seb...Sebastian..." I said in a hoarse whisper, "He takes care of me."

"I know..." His eyes were wandering over my face, "I know everything, Aurora." He held my long hair strand and gave me his signature frown, "Wow. Your hair has grown!"

"Yeah. They are..." I held his wrist. For a minute, there was awkward silence between us.

"Jai... I'm... I'm sor..." He didn't let me speak because his palm was suddenly covering my mouth as he shook his head.

"Don't..." He kept shaking his head with that

sheen in his eyes, "No need to say sorry..."

"But I..." There was suddenly this stinging behind my eyelids, "I could never understand you... I..."

"You did nothing wrong, Aurora," He held my face gently, "You didn't know anything because I didn't let you... You don't need to blame yourself for anything. It was my decision to keep you protected and hide the truth from you. You are an amazing... woman. A loving wife, a selfless mom and a..." He exhaled tiredly, "And a resilient queen..." his knuckles brushed my cheeks, "A beautiful one..."

When he started wiping my cheeks, I realized that I had started crying again.

"I ... miss you..." I said with a sob.

He raised his face to look at the ceiling and swallowed hard before closing his eyes, "I miss you too, warrior. I... I miss us..."

I wrapped my arms around his waist and hid my face back into his chest, "J...just don't leave right away, Jal ... stay here...talk to Moon Goddess and ... stay here... please..."

I felt his hand on my head, stroking my hair, "Hey, warrior. Why do you want me to stay here when I'm blessed with so many beautiful concubines up there?"

I blinked, thinking that I had heard him wrong. I stepped back and slapped his chest when I saw that mischievous smile playing on his lips, "Jerk!"

He chuckled and tried to hold my fist that was landing on his arm.

"Come here," He almost dragged me to the window and pointed out, "See that star. The brightest one?"

"What about that?" I asked him in a hoarse whisper.

"That's me, silly. I'll always keep an eye on my friend and her family. You people will always be under my watch."

I watched the star and made a pout. I didn't want a star. I wanted him.

"Will you visit again?" I asked him, trying to sound not too desperate because I knew the answer.

Instead of responding, he gave me a tight-lipped smile and kissed my forehead, "I've already talked to the Moon Goddess, love. We both will get a rebirth..." He winked at me. 

However, I was taken aback.

"Rebirth? But why?"

He shook his head as he looked at the star,

"That's a secret too."

Now I again wanted to smash his head. He knew I hated secrets.

"Aurora..." He held my hands and then raised them to his lips, kissing them one by one, "It's time for me to go... till we meet again..."

Meet again? In the next lifetime?

"That's... that's not fair... you..."

"Hey..." He leaned ahead and kissed my cheek this time, "Stop crying or I might end up kissing your lips. Your husband won't like it."

I slapped his chest lightly and rolled my eyes, "Shut up!"

He smiled sadly and leaned in a little as if...

As if he wanted to sniff my scent. Or maybe I was imagining it.

"Time to go, Aurora..."

I started shaking my head, "No... no, Jai. There are so many things I need to tell you... Glana..."

"I know..." He held my nose and gave it a gentle squeeze, "I already told you. I know. Just talk to that star. Okay?"

I nodded and once again tears welled up in my eyes, "So this is... the final goodbye?"



I asked him and he nodded, "Yeah. The final goodbye... until we meet again... In some other timeline... in some other universe..." He trailed off as if he was also trying to control his emotions, "Your husband is coming, love. I need to go. Give Clara my love. Tell her I love her."

Before I could stop him, the door to the room opened, and I bolted up from the settee where I had fallen asleep.

"Sebastian?" I whispered.

"Aurora?" Standing in the doorway, my husband gave me a look of concern, "I was getting worried," he walked to me and hugged me tight, "Are you alright, love?"

Trying to control my tears, I nodded, "Yes. I'm... I'm alright..." I sobbed, "I met him... Jai... he... he came!" I confided in him brokenly and lost control in his arms.

The garden smelled of Jasmine as I saw Clara sitting in the grass, playing with a wooden horse her father carved for her.

I smiled as I watched her tiny hands clutching it possessively.

I wanted to call her name when I felt him behind me before he spoke, "Mind if I steal a seat?"



The same voice that could melt my insides.

He sat down and pulled me gently between his legs until my back rested against him. His hands came around my swollen belly, and his fingers brushed over it.

"You have completed my life, Aurora," He whispered, and I closed my eyes with a smile. Trying to remember how many times he had said that and never got tired of it.

"You've no idea how much I love you, wife."

I tilted my head slightly, "And you have no idea what you are to me, Sebastian."

He chuckled low as he pressed his lips on my head, "I know, strawberry. I love you so much..."

I looked at our daughter, who was now busy talking to her toy. When I lost Mateo, I thought I would never find true love again.

And yet here I was— laughing on my past, sitting cozily with my husband, watching our daughter play, and feeling the movements of our unborn son.

Moon Goddess had finally removed all the toxicity from my life and replaced it with peace, love, and everything my heart had ever longed for. 1

"I love you too, my king," I turned my head until



my lips found his— warm, waiting for me. After the passionate kiss, he pulled back and rested his forehead against mine, "I could live a thousand lives," He smiled against my lips, "and I'd still end up finding you in every one of them."

I laughed quietly, "Then you better keep doing that," I brushed my nose against his.

He chuckled, pulling me closer, and I closed my eyes as I leaned my cheek against his chest.

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*Hey sweethearts.
Aurora and Sebastian are signing off today. I hope you liked reading this book. Don't forget to give your review...*

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