

The Roses Kingdom

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Prologue

There were several countries in the land.

The chief country was the Poseidn Kingdom that possessed enormous armaments .

The the Poseidn Kingdom had been increasing the power and was conquering surrounding small countries one after another in recent a few years .

One of the remaining countries the Roses Kingdom was anxious of this situation and dispatched a delegate to invite the queen , king and the families to a banquet for demanding a non aggression treat between the countries in the future.

And the king of the Roses Kingdom dispatched a delegate to his son who has been studying abroad to come back immediately as he would be probably helpful for the diplomatic strategy.

But the king of the the Poseidn Kingdom was already going to attack the Roses Kingdom in the future ,

he rejected the invitation and sent his princess Dina to the banquet instead.

Chapter 1

the Roses Kingdom was a small country surrounded by a large forest.

And , lots of red roses were blossoming in the forest.

It said the name of the Kingdom was from these roses.

There was a small route which leads to the Roses Kingdom in the forest.

This was the only way to go to the Kingdom.

In the morning , a large carriage was running this route.

It was a carriage carrying princess Dina to Roses Kingdom.

The princess Dina was yet 19 years old who had beautiful long brown hair that reaches her back , sweet pink skin and brilliant big blue eyes like ice in the ocean.

Though everyone admired her beauty , she has n't cared of it .

In fact , she was so sad. She was so lonely .

She had never talked to her father often .

He was always busy .

And she had never seen her mother for recent 3 years.

Her mother was sick and had to stay in the hospital. And , Dina was never allowed to see her mother.

She didn't know where her mother was , how her condition was , and what the name of her disease was .

She was always with Dina when she missed her.

She was so kind to everyone, She used to say " Love your people as you do the country.

You will be governing this country in the future .

But governing and giving happiness to the people is not only your right but an obligation."

And as a matter of the fact , she had been loved by the people.

" This was very different from my father " , she thought.

She already knew that lots of the people have been suffering from much of tax payment.

And the money has been used for his army.

She sighed and opened the window slightly to let fresh air come in.

Then scent of roses came in and filled the inside.

It was scent of the roses. She leaned forward and saw lots of roses had been kept along the street. She felt a little better.

She felt as if the flowers were trying to cheer her up by smiling at her. She decided to love the roses and the country that kept the roses.

Chapter 2

There was a small city near the sea.

Night was going to fill the city with silence except for the sound of the waves.

And the sun was leaving changing the color of the sky from true blue to orange.

There was a man in the beach who was seeing the sun off in the horizon.

He was the prince of Roses Kingdom.

He loved this moment.

He had never seen any sunsets in the horizon as his hometown was surrounded by a big forest.

He was so sad . He had just broken up with his girlfriend.

Or , in fact , she must have not been his girlfriend as she was loving the other man. He was believing the girl was his right person until the day he had seen her kissing the other man by chance. But anyway he was a prince and didn't have a right to love anyone freely though he was going to give his seat to anyone if it was required. He had beautiful brown eyes and long hair and was always with a short silver sword. Though he trained a lot , he had never fought using the sword . And , he was not so tall compared to other men. He was not sure if he could really protect someone . Everything was fragile for him.

" Jonathan!" , " Jonathan!" Someone called his name on his back. He turned back and found his small friend was standing there.

His name was Anthony. He was the first friend Jonathan had in this city and was now loving Jonathan like a true brother.

"Hi, Anthony , fine?" he asked. " I am fine thank you Jonathan." He replied .

" And, you got a letter from your family. "

" From my family?" , " Yes ,and a delegate is waiting for you over there"

He pointed out a person in black suit on the sidewalk.

And he passed a letter to him saying " This is it."

Jonathan opened the letter and started to read it carefully.

Yes , it was from his father , the king of Roses Kingdom.

It was written that a banquet will be held soon and the top of the Poseidon Kingdom and the family would be invited , and Jonathan should come back to attend the banquet immediately . And other things were not written.

Anthony finally he opened his mouth.

"Sorry , I have to go back to my country."

"Oh , why ? And when will you be back here again? " Anthony asked sadly.

" I don't know . But I will be back here as soon as possible"

" You know , Jonathan , you are my brother . I will surely miss you" Anthony said. "

I know I will miss you too , my brother" Jonathan said.

"Please don't forget me. " the small boy was almost crying.

Jonathan caressed his head with his palm gently and said.»Never.»

And again he opened his mouth.

«Look at the ocean. This sea is connected with lots of rivers , and the rivers are connected with my hometown.

Even if it seemed eternally far away , we are connected. « , "Yes , Jonathan"." He answered.

And Jonathan turned on to the sidewalk and approached the person who has been waiting for him.

It was the only word now he could think of not to make the boy too much sad.

On his way , sometimes he stopped and turned back for finding the body of Anthony.

Anthony was waving for Jonathan near the sea in the distance.

Anthony didn't say a word. Neither did Jonathan.

Only the sound of waves was between them.

The sun was already gone.

The sky was already dark.

Jonathan smiled at him.

And the next moment , the person in black opened a back door of the car and had Jonathan come in.

In the next early morning , Jonathan left the city to go back to his hometown.

Chapter 3

It was around noon.

Following the route in the forest ,one big castle started to show the face in front of Dina and the party.

It looked the city was surrounded by a big brick wall and there was a gate made of iron.

" My lady, we will be arriving soon." A girl seated next to Dina said.

She was a maid who has been taking care of Dina .

"Yes , Natali. You must be hungry, aren't you ?" Dina said smiling at her.

She grinned.

Natali was almost same age as Dina and had been taking care of Dina for several years.

Now she was Natali's important friend.

They often talked about lots of things and enjoyed together.

Dina loved Natali so much and either Natali did .

"My lady, please pay attention whenever you go out. Sometimes guards are useless.

Remember that you are a future queen of Poseidon.» Natali said.

"Sure I know. "Dina said.

Dina loved always her kind word.

But the next word made Dina feel worried,

"I absolutely protect you. I will even plunge into fire for you.»

Natali continued seriously looking at Dina's eyes.

Dina had never seen such a face until now.

"Natali? Don't scare me. I am ok. Don't say such a thing."

Dina said angrily.

"Oh , sorry.. My lady.» Natali said looking at Dina's eyes sadly.

Now, they were in front of the gate.

Dina was a little suprised to see lots of tendrils of roses were climbing the gate as if trying to protect a fragile jewel box from damage.

" If the gate was Poseidon's property, the tendrils must have been burned and several soldiers were protecting this.» Dina thought.

"Here must be very different from our place. " Natali said.

No sooner had they reached the gate , the gate opened solemnly and let them came inside.

And lots of fireworks were shot all of a sudden in the sky and they were welcomed by music and shouts from lots of the people gathering around her carriage.

They were waiting for Dina's coming.

Dina smiled and waved her hand to the people. Then much bigger shouts arose among the people.

"See? ,Natali. I will never be in danger. They like me."Dina said. Natali didn't say a word.

She only smiled at her again a little sadly.

"You were given good heart taking care of others from your mother. And you are loved by the people."

"That's why you are in danger ..my lady."

Natali said in her heart.

Chapter 4

The way to the castle was filled with lots of people who wanted to come and see a sweet princess.

All Dina could do was smile and wave her hands to the people from the window of the carriage and wait in her seat until they could reach the entrance of the palace soon .

But this was not difficult for Dina as she loved looking at happy faces.

At least it was effective for her to forget loneliness .

She did n' t have to think of her mother while she was looking at smile .

In fact , she was surprised and moved to get the warm greeting because she was believing that the people out of her Kingdom all hated her.

Now she was rather happy to wave back for the crowds.

In several hours , the carriage finally arrived at a gate of the castle.

The castle was around 300 feet high and built on rough rocks.

In front of the castle , there was a big round lake and a path and some benches along the path.

Dina opened the door and got off the carriage gracefully as she found some people were standing in front of the entrance.

They were the queen and the king and ministers of this Kingdom.

They were waiting for Dina there to show how much they were happy to welcome her.

It made her rather moved.

The path to the entrance had been covered by a red carpet.

Dina approached them without hesitating to show her full of happiness on her face.

On her way , a small girl in a cute yellow dress appeared from her right side and passed her a bunch of flowers .

Dina was so impressed and bent over for her and accepted the gift in her hands.

No sooner had Dina got the bouquet , the small girl ran away into the crowds.

When Dina finally could come closer to them , the queen bowed and said "Welcome to this Kingdom. My friend. ".

The queen looked around the age of her mother.

Her sweet voice and calm eyes were looking like her mother.

Dina couldn't help but remember of her mother.

Dina bowed and said "I was looking forward to seeing both of you and the people in the beautiful Kingdom." Smiling a lot.

Dina and the queen , king shook hands happily and went in the castle with other following related people.

In the night , Dina and her maid , Natali were given a short guide around the castle by the minister and allowed anywhere to visit after the guidance .

As Dina knew that there was a beautiful lake near the castle , she came back to her room to take her cloth.

In her room , Natali was seated on the bed and arranging cloths and other lots of stuffs for Dina.

When Dina said she would see around , Natali only said "Enjoy yourself . I hope you have a nice time."

because Natali was very busy for her task.

Dina nodded and took her violet gown and left the room.

The air was so fresh and cold.

Dina walked through a path near the round lake looking up to the sky.

The air was so clean and pure that she could see clearly thousands of stars in the sky.

This was her first experience to see such a beautiful night sky.

And in the distance , a full moon was looking down on her.

There was a reflection of the moon in the surface of the lake.

The moon was swaying in the water as if swimming in the lake.

Dina found a bench near the tree and where she could see the full moon and the lake well and was seated.

And she remembered the things what happened today.

A big forest ...beautiful roses... lots of people in this Kingdom.. a small girl ...and the queen and the king.

And stared at the moon in the distance.

Surely , she has to leave this Kingdom after the upcoming banquet.

She thought she would miss this Kingdom.

She said sadly "I would be alone again..".

"My mom.. where have you gone..?".

Tears came out of her eyes , caressed her cheek and dropped to the ground.

Then suddenly she heard a sound something moving on her back.

"Is there someone?" She felt a little scared and asked turning on back.

Then , a man appeared around her back tree and said "Sorry , I didn't know there was someone."

"This is my favorite place." Saying so , the man came in the place where she could see well by the moon light.

And she found a man who had beautiful eyes and hair shining in the moon light was standing beside her.

Dina was a little embarrassed and said "I am not going to disturb you . I will leave soon if you want" drying her cheek with her

fingertip.

"No . Don't go." "Better than alone . Don't you think so?" he said.

And he suddenly reached for her cheek softly with something he held before she noticed.

She was a little surprised and was going to leap from him. But his movement of fingers was much faster.

It was a handkerchief.

He was wiping the line of her tears shining in the moon light out carefully with his handkerchief.

She was shocked.

But his way to look at her face was so sweet and gentle that she couldn't move . Maybe she didn't want to move.

He calmly continued.

"Well. I don't know why you are crying here... But you are not alone now. I am here for you ".

And he smiled.

"You are sweet." She finally opened her mouth staring at his eyes.

He only smiled and was seated next to her on the bench.

Then she finally took her eyes off his eyes and stared at the moon swaying in the water.

And she confessed.

"I was missing my mother. And she is sick.. I can never see her"

And did sad face again.

"Sorry to hear that" he said.

"I am ok. Thank you. She might be in serious. I have to wait until she comes back."

She said so with sad voice.

She might have wanted to make herself understood.

He didn't say any but looked into her face.

A moment later he opened his mouth and said.

"You know? I have just come back from a city very far from here. I have friends there.They are all nice friends. "

"Do you miss your friends?" She turned on him and asked.

"Yes." He replied.

" But the city is near the sea . And the sea is connected with the river there."

" You know. That's why I am not alone. I am connected with my friends."

" So do you . Your mother also must be missing you.

But , you are not alone." so said he and calmly smiled at her.

She stared at his eyes and found thousands of stars were shining.

Chapter 5

"You are so sweet... I feel my mother is near my side." Dina said.

"I am happy that you feel better. I don't want to see any sad faces.. Well, I have to go." Jonathan said.

"Please wait.. Well. Could you tell me your name?"

"Jonathan" said and grinned.

"I am Dina...Nice seeing you Jonathan". She grinned.

"Good Night Dina..."

"Good Night Jonathan..."

He grinned and waved his hands for a several times and turned back.

And left there.

She stood and held still until he disappears from her sight.

And she left there to go back to her room a while later

In her room, Natali was still busing herself .

She was still seated on the bed and choosing the best dress for her lady.

Because the banquet will be held tomorrow .

"This will be the last thing I can do for my lady.." she murmured.

Finally she found the best for her Lady and dropped her head on the well-cleaned and light colored carpet.

After dwelling on for something for a while , she took a pen and a note from her brown bag and wrote some words

"Dear my lady.." and stopped the writing. She made it into a ball and threw the ball into a trash can set next to the bed.

And she glanced at lots of Dina's belongings on the bed.

She felt crying but decided to be strong.

Then the door opened and Dina came in .

"Oh my lady , how was your night?" Natali made a face , stood up and approached Dina.

"It was a great moment" Dina replied , taking her gown off and hanging on a hanger.

But Natali noticed her air was in some way different from normal.

"What is the matter with you?.My lady your face looks hot" Natali asked.

"Oh , well , nothing.." Dina said caressing her cheek with her palm to hide her cheek.

"You look you fell in love with someone." Natali joked.

Then Dina's face became red instantly.

"No way...." Dina murmured looking the other way.

"Oh my god..." Natali smiled.

"Did you find a handsome man outside?" Natali asked Dina happily.

"Yes.. But I only talked to him for a while. And this can never be love." Dina said.

"Why not?" Natali asked.

Dina walked to a bed , sat down on there.

"I am a princess of my Kingdom. I don't have a right to do. And I have been alone for it. It will be same even in the future."

"And much more, we have to come back our Kingdom after the banquet."

Dina said sadly smiling at Natali.

"My lady... I surely understand your sadness. But if you are alone , that is for your future husband."

"I don't understand you Natali. What are you going to say?"

"You are already reserved by someone whom you will see and fall in love in the future.

Though we don't know that is when and how , with who."

"If so , I hope this ends soon. Should we ask it to my God?. "

Dina joked and smiled.

"Yes , my lady". Natali said.

And continued.

"Well , I have to say one thing for tomorrow. I wish you would not come back to here before 12' o'clock.

I have some important things for you."

"But, Natali, I believe you told me I was supposed to come back and sleep at 11 o'clock tomorrow."

"I am sorry , my lady. Your schedule was changed." Natali replied.

"Oh, Okay , then I will not be coming back until midnight." Dina confirmed.

Chapter 6

Now , Jonathan was on his way to father's room.
Jonathan had to talk to his father about upcoming banquet.
It was the main reason why he had to leave the lake and Dina soon.
But he yet couldn't stop thinking of Dina.
He was not sure why he dared to touch her cheek and wiped her tears out.
But her tears were rather beautiful under moon light.
Her tears were so silver like those of the moon.
She looked like an angel fell to the ground and was crying for something.
She looked so fragile as if made of glasses.
Jonathan had to do it.
She must be someone in the castle.
But it is not allowed and difficult to see her again.
He knows his position.
He can't love anyone except for someone who was from a royal family.
He really hated it.
And that's why he ran away from her.
But the images of her sad face , beautiful eyes and fragile body were still running in his head around and around.
Now he was regretting he didn't ask her to see again.
He sighed.
When Jonathan was allowed and stepped in the room , the king had been at table waiting for his coming inside.
"I am glad that you finally showed your face , my son." The king smiled and said.
"I was missing you ,my father" Jonathan greeted and smiled.
The king nudged Jonathan to take a seat as he approached.
When Jonathan took his seat ,the king signed and made his maid standing near the gate
go and bring some wine for him and Jonathan.
The maid looked around 20 something.
After she replied "Yes" and left the room , the king opened his mouth again.
"Well, Jonathan. I will have to let you know the reason why I called you back to here."
Leaned forward to him and said.
"Yes , my father."Jonathan replied.
"As you hear , the power of the Poseidn Kingdom is becoming danger to us.

And , none of us would be able to stop the power."

"The next country attacked might be us." He showed a desperate face.

" Yes , I agree with you." Jonathan replied with a serious look.

"So , I was going to ask you to know if they have a will to attack us through a conversation during the banquet."

"And was going to make a base to demand a non aggression treat between us."

"However.." His voice toned down.

"However?" Jonathan asked.

"It seems a little difficult." The king did show a worrying face.

"Could you tell me what do you mean?" Jonathan did a questioning look leaning forward to him.

"They sent a princess Dina.and she is a lovely and pure girl". He smiled.

"Dina...!" Jonathan remembered a beautiful girl whom he met near the lake a while ago.

Apparently , he was shocked.

He couldn't accept the fact that such a girl was a princess of the Poseidn Kingdom and came here alone.

The king continued.

"So, all we can do is treat her well and let her and her family know that we are friendly and not harmful."

Jonathan didn't mention the king's word.

He knew that even if the country didn't have any points to blame and rather friendly , can be attacked.

But he didn't mention it and said "I agree with you." smiling.

He didn't want to talk about any politics with her if she was the girl whom he met.

She must have not been concerned with the theme.

And her situation must be a little complicated.

He rather wanted to protect her from her sadness.

After the talk with his father , Jonathan went back to his room.

The room was located where the beautiful lake can be seen beneath.

He remembered of the day and went to bed.

But it was difficult for him to sleep for the night.

He stayed awake until late and finally left the bed to a balcony to have an air.

He opened the window and stepped in the balcony.

Cold air came to him.

He glanced at a beautiful lake and remembered Dina .

She was crying.

He remembered of her brilliant eyes and long hair.

"Dina... are you a princess?"

He remembered her sad face.

He still couldn't accept the fact that such a girl was a princess of the Poseidon Kingdom and came here alone.

And the fact that he was missing her so much made him feel lonely.

Chapter 7

It was yet early evening.

While the people were enjoying looking at the beautiful sunset, one of the rooms inside of the castle had been filled with lots of busy maids and servants who carried lots of plates and wine bottles and other special meals one by one into the room.

The room was enough big to accommodate over 200 guests and big window had been attached with the wall .

Everyone could see a beautiful lake and a fountain through there.

The room that supposed to be used for the dinner for the guests had been filled with a variety of plates , glasses and scents from flowers on the table.

When the last plate was finally carried into the room , the king himself rushed into the room with an uneasy look.

He himself was going to check the quality .

Everyone knew it was unusual.

But they knew how this banquet would be important on King's face.

The king started to check everywhere carefully .

He checked at first the arrangement of the flowers and the position of the vases , and the position of the plates.

After checking everywhere even under the table, finally the King was relieved and sighed.

Though his first aim would be impossible to be achieved ,still princess Dina was his important guest.

He took a flower at the center of the table and put it near his nose and smelled the scent.

Everyone was scared to see his doing as they had never seen such his behavior ever.

He smiled and said "perfect". With satisfaction.

No sooner had they heard the answer , they felt relieved and sighed as well as the king had done.

Yes,they were nervous.

Then other maids who had been waiting for the preparation finally started to lay a red carpet out on the corridor which leads to the room for the banquet.

"Okay , we will see ." The king murmured.

"We shall begin the banquet." He commanded servants to guide the guests.

Dina was at that time in her room with Natali.

Natali has almost finished Dina's dressing .

While Dina was looking at herself in a large mirror , Natali was checking if everything was ok .

"Ok, Done." Natali told Dina.

"Are you sure?" Dina asked her while watching at her reflection carefully.

"Yes , my lady " Natali smiled.

Now that Dina was in a floffy milky white dress and putting a silver tiara.

She looked like an angel in it.

"Okay , thank you Natali." Dina said.

Then she heard someone was knocking on the door.

"Yes?" Natali approached and opened the door.

A servant who was in formal suit was standing behind the door.

He bowed and said.

"Princess Dina , I would like you to come with me. My queen and king are looking forward to seeing you."

"Yes , sure." Dina replied.

And turned to Natali and said "Okay Natali , I have to go. I am sorry that you can not join us . But ,

I hope you enjoy your free time." Smiled.

Natali smiled and waved for her.

"Please have fun my lady " saying so.

Chapter 8

The banquet room had been filled with much of delicious smells though every plate at table had been covered tightly with a silver bowl.

It was quite sure that chefs did their best of the best for tonight.

The banquet room had a window and everyone could see a beautiful lake and a fountain through it.

It was getting dark and they could see only the rising moon in the distance

Except for princess Dina, everyone was already seated at table and was enjoying their chitchat.

It was clear that everyone was waiting for Dina coming.

None other than Jonathan was among them.

He was seated next to the queen.

He was staring at the gate where princess Dina would appear.

He had to confirm if the girl he had met last night was princess Dina or not .

And he was missing her so much.

"There". The king seated next to him murmured.

The princess Dina finally appeared at the entrance of the banquet room being guided a servant.

"Dina...." Jonathan murmured seeing her.

You were the princess... from the Kingdom..Poseidn.

He felt uneasy. But the pleasure that he could see her again was much bigger than such a political matter.

Everyone stopped their chitchat as they found her.

"She is so beautiful.." , "Isn't she cute?"

Some murmured and even sighed seeing her.

The white fluffy dress made her like an angel fell from the heaven and might be flying over again.

Natali must have known Dina in detail in every point.

Everyone in the room felt uneasy to take their eyes off Dina.

So did Jonathan.

Dina felt shy as she noticed that everyone was looking at her but anyway greeted and stepped in the room.

When Dina started to walk down the path to the center of the hall, the queen of the Kingdom next to Jonathan stood up and approached Dina holding a small violet square box.

Jonathan knew that their parents liked her so much through the talk between his king and her behavior to Dina

He knew the queen had been watching at Dina as if Dina had been her own child.

Dina stopped and bowed as she noticed the queen was coming to her.
"Good evening ...princess Dina".
The queen smiled and said softly as she stood in front of Dina.
"Good evening." Dina smiled.
"I would like to offer you something decent one."
The queen said smiling.
"Oh Thank you but could you tell me what it is?" Dina asked gracefully looking at the eyes of the queen.
The queen put the box on her palm and opened the lid with her finger slowly.
"Look..."She raised it up to Dina so as to show it to her closely.
It was a silver pendant lots of tiny diamonds had been mounted like a milky way.
"Beautiful.." Dina opened her eyes widely and said.
Then the queen approached her and raised the pendant over the head of Dina and put it down on her neck slowly.
Applause occurred among the guests.
The pendant shined on his chest.
"Thank you very much. I love this pendant."
Dina said happily.
"This is a mark of our friendship."
The queen said softly.
Dina smiled even more happily and replied "Yes" clearly.
She approached the queen and kissed on her cheek.
It looked as if one scene of a mother and her daughter.
When Dina kissed on the cheek of the queen, much bigger applause occurred.
Dina turned to the guests to greet and found someone whom she was familiar was there.
"Jonathan...?". She opened her eyes widely.
Jonathan was standing near the queen.
"Dina..." Jonathan said .
"Jonathan ..! Why are you here?." Dina asked happily and approached him.
Then the queen answered for him.
"He is my son, he came back last night to attend this banquet, Dina."
"Are you???" Dina asked again.
"Look.. I am the prince of this Kingdom.. princess Dina."
He pointed himself and said.
"Sorry, I didn't know that you were the princess of the Poseidn Kingdom."He continued.
"I also didn't know that you were the prince.." She said.
"Well, don't monopolize her smile , Jonathan. We were equally waiting for Dina until now."
The queen smiled.

"Yes." Jonathan smiled and three of them left there to enjoy their meal.
Even meals must have been waiting for Dina's coming in the dark.

Chapter 9

The meal was so great.

The conversation also went well.

This fact that the conversation went well must have been a little different from the expectation of the guests.

Most of them had been believing the princess would be tough to them.

She must have been against every word of them and even be aggressive as a spoke woman of Poseidn Kingdom.

The king had to open his eyes widely and ask same questions several times when a minister rushed him and told that princess Dina had promised to visit a hospital to encourage desperate people.

This was not an act of the invaders.

He even thought the Poseidn Kingdom didn't have a plan to attack us.

But , on the second thought, he thought princess Dina was indifferent to politics.

She must be an angel who can fly over the boundary of nations.

When everyone enjoyed the conversation with Dina and felt even satisfied with the meal ,

Jonathan approached her and asked her to go out with him for a while.

Dina happily nodded and passed her hand on his hand.

He took her hand and stepped out of the room to walk around a fountain .

It was silent night.

The water of the fountain was running on the surface of the round stone on the top of the fountain.

And the moon was looking down them in the highest position.

They walked along together for a while.

When two of them were completely covered by a statue of the fountain from other guest ,

Jonathan said "Dina .. I missed you.." looking into her eyes.

"Me too.. Jonathan, I missed you too." Dina said looking at his eyes.

"I couldn't sleep at all last night..."said Jonathan.

"I had been thinking of you all the day...Jonathan."

Two of them looked their eyes each other .

There was no room any words to cut in between them.

Jonathan laid his arms on her back and pulled her body to him softly and put his lips on hers softly.

"Jonathan..." She stared at his eyes.

Dina put her arms around his neck and put her lips a little strongly on his lips .

She sighed a little staring at his eyes and again she put her lips on his .

"Jonathan ,I am so happy to come here! Beautiful people , beautiful city .. and I found you!"

She cried.

Jonathan strongly held her body saying "Yes , I am also so happy . I can't believe it."

"But I have to leave here soon after the banquet ..so sad." She did a sad face.

"I will have to keep this as my best memory."

"Well , you can come here again , can't you?" Jonathan said.

"If not , I will come to you."

"If our relationship was still good." She said.

"What?"

She continued.

"If you were not the prince of this Kingdom, it had been much better.."

"Why do you say so?" He asked her.

He believed staying as a prince was much better for him.

He didn't understand why she began to say such a sad thing.

"If something bad happened in this country , surely you would try to protect this Kingdom as a prince even if you knew you would die. "

"If you were just a residence , you could run away somewhere to live in peace."

Oh Dina... You knew it.

Jonathan understood what she was thinking of .

She was not indifferent to politics.

She knew well the possibility of the war.

But she loves people and she is loved by people as well .

Even if they were her enemies.

She is superior to us.

She only doesn't like to mention.

Dina would be the side of the invader that attacks and destructs our Kingdom.

And he would be the side that would be attacked and destructed by her Kingdom.

But they didn't dare to say it.

Tears came out from her eyes but she left them running and held Jonathan's body tightly.

She said.

" I love you.. always... Jonathan."

Dina knew what she wanted to say.
" I love you.. forever.. Dina."

Chapter 10

While Dina and Jonathan were having their sad and happiest moment that would never return,

Natali was inside of the room alone and was doing her thing she had to do.

The room was so dark that barely could see inside with a moonlight.

She took her cloth off and opened her bag to take another cloth. The cloth on her hands was exactly the same dress now Dina is on. She stood in front of a big mirror with the dress.

She wore it carefully watching at the reflection of the mirror. After wearing the dress , she took a comb and stated to comb her front hair so as to be looked like Dina.

Her height was almost same as that of Dina.

No one will see the difference if two of them stood in the distance in the dark.

She came back to her bag and took a handkerchief off the bag. Then she stepped out of the room and approached the balcony with it.

The air was so cold.

She knew it was around midnight.

Dina kept a promise what I said.

" So I also have to keep a promise."She thought.

She put a handkerchief on the roof.

The handkerchief had been painted in special ink so as to shine itself.

And now it was shining in the dark.

She left the balcony and went back to her bed.

No sooner had she put covered herself with some sheets, she heard something moved in the distance.

She felt scared so much.

But she didn't move.

This was the thing she chosed.

Bomb

With a big sound and some sounds that glasses are smashed , the castle was terribly trembled.

Everyone was scared and tried to find out what happened.

Dina and Jonathan turned back to the castle as they heard the sound .

"What happened..?" Jonathan murmured and found fire in the castle.

One of the room was burning.

Finding the location of the room , Dina fell to the ground and screamed.

"Natali!!"

"What?"Jonathan looked at her surprisingly.

Dina covered her face and cried.

"Natali is there ! Please save her ! She is there!"

"Stay here! " Jonathan cried and left there immediately.

He ran and ran to the banquet room.

Everyone in the banquet room was screaming and was in panic now.

He found some guards and commanded them.

"Splash water on the room! Now!"

And cried out to the crowds.

"Evacuate immediately ! Go to the lake! It is safe for you!"

Then he went inside of the castle to get a room where fire was coming out.

When he finally found the room , there were lots of guards and servants in front of the door.

One servant was knocking the door strongly.

"Why don't you open the door?." Jonathan screamed irritatingly.

"The door is locked , Sir!" The man knocking the door replied to Jonathan.

"Break the door!."

Jonathan screamed and cut in them.

And he tackled the door several times to break in.

Then he heard someone's voice inside of the room.

"Don't do it!."

"Are you alive?" Jonathan screamed and finally broke the door.

Then he found a girl who looked like Dina was standing there.

But the room was filled with much of smoke and couldn't see inside anymore.

"Don't come to me. I have to protect Dina."

She said so and staggered.

Jonathan approached her and supported her body with his arms before she fell to the ground.

"Natali!!... Oh my.. Natali!" Jonathan turned back as he heard Dina's voice.

Yes, she was there supported by the king and the queen.

"Call a doctor!."Jonathan screamed.

Then a doctor came to Natali in several seconds.

Jonathan laid Natali on the ground slowly.

A doctor approached her and took a tool off his bag.

He checked her eyes , tongue and wrist one by one with his tool.

And he checked her heart sound putting something on her chest.

He said "She is still ok. But she had lots of smoke. We should keep her in another room for our treatment."

"Natali ... Natali... why such a terrible thing occurred to her!!"
Dina started to cry on Natali's body.
"Dina.. I will carry her to another room. You come to me later to see her."Jonathan said.
And turned to guards and said.
"Guards! Check everywhere inside and outside of the room!"
Her word "I have to protect Dina" echoed on his head.

Chapter 11

Dina and Jonathan were in the medical room.
Already 3 hours had past after they came in.
Dina was seated next to Jonathan with a desperate face.
Jonathan had been holding her body tightly with a very serious look.
2 hours ago , he got a report from guards.
It was too mysterious.
Outside of the room , there were footmarks which come to Dina's room.
Guards who had been guarding under the balcony were seriously injured by someone
And they are still in critical conditions.
Drivers who carried Dina and Natali are missing.
Seems this fire was planned by someone.
But what for? By who?

It was early morning.
Jonathan opened his eyes as being called by a doctor.
The doctor said "She opened her eyes."
He found he and Dina were sleeping.
He nudged Dina and stood up.
Natali was laid on the bed at the center of the room.
She looked around and did a face like she couldn't believe she was there.
Dina rushed her as she found Natali's face.
"Natali !! Natali!!" Dina screamed.
"Dina... I am glad that you are safe." Natali said softly.
Dina approached and held Natali's hand.
"But I am sorry that I am still alive." Natali continued.
"What?" Jonathan felt anger in him and said.
Natali found Jonathan's face and said.
"Sir , are you maybe a man Dina was telling me?"
Dina said . "Yes , Natali . But what?"
"Please run away with her as soon as possible , sir. She needs happiness."
"What are you talking about ?" Dina said with a strange look.
Then the queen and the king came in the room.
They were also said that Natali had opened her eyes .
Natali said with a serious look.
"Listen."

"the Poseidn Kingdom will attack this the Roses Kingdom soon."

"What?" The king said and did a very serious look to hear that.

"They have a good reason to attack this Kingdom "Natali continued.

"Their princess Dina was assassinated after the banquet."

"It can't be..."

Natali again continued.

"This is the plan the king made. "

"Killing the princess while she is sleeping. And leave the Kingdom as soon as possible."

"And Poseidn declares the beginning of the war after the king got the report that the princess had been killed."

"Then agents from the Poseidn Kingdom set fire on the room? "

Jonathan asked.

"Yes, sir.." Natali replied.

"I can't believe it... No... I can't believe it...." Dina started to sobber and started to tremble.

"Dina.. I hated the command . I surely couldn't obey it. But even if I said 'No'. The other maid will do it.

And , I will be killed as I knew the secret.

The only one way I could chose was pretending you and be killed for you ."

Chapter 12

Dead silence...

Are they going to attack this Kingdom?

The king felt he was falling down to the ground.

He staggered.

"My Dear.. Are you ok?"

The queen beside him supported his body.

"Everything was in vain."

He thought sadly and murmured.

Poseidon will say even the nice banquet he prepared for her was just a trap to kill the princess.

"How stupid am I?" The king said angrily.

Yes , they are a professional about the war.

They can change any good things to a good reason to attack.

"I will go back to my Kingdom. I have to see my father."

Dina said clearly all of a sudden.

"Dina.. believe me. You will be killed. Please leave two of the Kingdoms."

Natali said with sad eyes trying to make Dina understood.

"Natali.. if this was the truth.. I have to see my father to stop the war."

"I love this Kingdom."

"Oh my..." Tears came out of the eyes of the queen.

"You don't need to be in danger ..You should leave as soon as possible.

You are now my daughter. I can't make you go to your place."

The queen said.

"I am ok. I love you. This is the thing I can do to protect you."

"Could you bring my belongings to me? I will leave here soon."

"My lady..Oh..." Natali started to cry so badly.

"I will make maids carry your belongings to your new room. But you have to sleep for a while."

The king said looking at Dina's eyes.

"I am so sorry." The king thought.

But he couldn't do anything but he let her go by for now.

He is the king of the Roses Kingdom and has to protect his people.

In a moment , A few of maids came in the room.

Dina left Natali's hands and left the room with them.

She didn't look back.

She was trying to be strong to protect her people.

"Please.. Please protect my lady.. Please..."

Natali put her head on the sheets and said so with a weak voice.

"Please.. Please..."

Jonathan came to her and held her head with his arms.

"I will.. I will protect her.. I will surely protect her. I promise you."

At night, Dina was watching at the sky at the balcony.

For fear of next attack, her room was changed to the highest in

the castle.
 The room was located in the next door of Jonathan's.
 Her and Natali's belongings had been already carried in this room.
 The sun was going to rise in the distance.
 The air was cold.
 She felt cold but stayed there as she wanted to keep the scene in her heart.
 Thousands of stars , a beautiful silver lake , and a small bench where Dina met Jonathan.
 Everything was important memory Dina will never forget until she dies.
 She remembered she heard some maids and servants had been talking about the fire on her back .
 "What do the Poseidn think if they knew this.."
 "They surely will think we were going to kill her.."
 "This will be a big trouble."
 "In worst case , This Kingdom would be burned."
 "We shouldn't have any connections with Poseidn."
 She didn't want to hear it.
 "Because of me."
 "Everyone is feeling not good because of me. I shouldn't have come here."
 She felt very sad.
 "Dina.. you are not alone."
 Warm palms were put on Dina's shoulders from back.
 It was Jonathan.
 Jonathan stretched his arms out and held her upper body gently.
 And said.
 "You are not alone. I am here."
 Dina turned back to Jonathan and said .
 "I belong to Poseidn. You will hate me. Even your parents will do."
 "We never do. " he said calmly looking at Dina s eyes.
 "We know it is not because of you."
 "And I believe it."
 "What?"
 He pulled her body to him and caressed her front hair with his fingers softly.
 And said.
 "Love can overcome any difficulties."
 Two of them looked their eyes each other.
 Jonathan put his lips on Dina's lips softly.
 Dina held Jonathans body tightly.
 "My Jonathan...."
 In a moment two of them held their body each other, Jonathan said calmly looking at Dina's eyes.
 "I will go to the Poseidn Kingdom with you."
 "No , you shouldn't... You are a prince of this Kingdom."
 "You have to stay with your parents and the people."
 "You shouldn't."
 Dina said.
 "I will tell this to my father."
 Jonathan took her hand.

"Come with me."

Chapter 13

At that time, the queen , the king , generals and other specialists who were in charge of protecting this Kingdom were in the main room to discuss the way they could choose.

The room was in 2nd floor of the castle and had only one big round table at the center of the room.

They were seated surrounding the table with a very serious look. They had variety of feelings inside.

Anger, sadness and disappointment.

None did have any hope about current situation.

But , they had to find a way even if so.

A man who was not so tall but had smart eyes in front of the king stood up without a word and laid a roll out on the table.

It was a map that has figures of the the Roses Kingdom and a big forest surrounding the Kingdom.

He said calmly.

"As everyone knows , it will be impossible to protect this Kingdom if they attacked us in all directions."

"However." He continued.

"Our Kingdom is surrounded by a big forest.

And there was no way to come here except for only one route that runs in the forest.

We should allocate archeries along and bottom of the line so as not to let them come in.

And , they have to hide themselves and wait until the troops of Poseidn go through the line in this case."

He said as pointing the narrow line out in the forest on the map. The king nodded as looking down the map.

"If this plan was failed?"

One of other generals who had been listening to the word silently opened a mouth.

"Death will come to us.

There will be no effective way except for this."

He said with a sad face.

"How will be the people?"

The king asked.

"My load , it is our people who will be suffering from the first attack.

Because the city is in front of the castle."

"Can't we surrender?."

The king asked with a trembling voice.

"If such room existed , Poseidn wouldn't try to justify the war by killing their princess."

He said in despair.

"Then evacuate the people immediately."

The king screamed.

"Where can people evacuate to?"

He said irritatingly watching at his load.

"We are surrounded by a big forest.

There is no way for them to go."

Silence.

The queen who was seated next to the king opened a mouth .

"Divide all of the soldiers into two and allocate one for protecting our people and the other on the route leads to the Kingdom.

Everyone stared at the face of queen and agreed with her saying. And nodded.

They decided to die for the Kingdom and the people.

"Knock"

They heard someone knocked on the door and a man seated near the door opened it .

There was a servant behind the door.

He bowed and told that Jonathan came.

He saw Jonathan was behind him.

"Sir, where were you? We were finding you for some advice."

He asked.

"I was with princess Dina."

Jonathan replied to his answer.

"I see. The king is waiting for you."

He said so and opened the door widely to let Jonathan come in.

The king turned to Jonathan as Jonathan stepped in the room.

"My father." Jonathan found the figure of his father and said seriously.

"What is it?."

The king found it something weird and asked.

"Father , I will go to Poseidn with princess Dina."

Jonathan opened his mouth.

"What did you say?"

The king doubted what he heard right now.

"I will go with Dina. I have to protect Dina."

Jonathan said again seriously.

The queen was astonished to hear word.

"Jonathan , you are the prince of this Kingdom.

What will they think if you stepped in the Kingdom?."

Now that they have a will to attack us ,you will be only killed.
And the assassin was failed , you will even give them a good reason to attack us."

The queen said trying to make him understood and know the exact reason why he made such a decision.

"Mother .

I know it.

If so , I am going to leave this royal family."

Jonathan said with a strong tone.

Everyone surprised to hear his sincere word and staggered.

"No..! Do you know what you are saying now?"

The queen asked him with a sad face.

But she knew his answer to the question with a sort of conviction.

"Yes."

Jonathan replied clearly.

"What drives you to do?"

The queen asked again.

Jonathan stared at the eyes of the queen and opened his heavy mouth to tell the truth what he had.

"It is love."

"I love princess Dina."

"Jonathan...?"

The queen said a word and stared at Jonathan's eyes.

His sincere eyes were so purely shining reflected his strong heart.

"You do love her."

The queen repeated his saying.

"Yes "

Said Jonathan.

"I know it will be danger.

But , I have to go with her.

I protect and die for her." said Jonathan.

"Jonathan..this will be very danger.. I can't let you go as your mother."

She said with a very scared look.

"I already decided."

"This is my destiny."

He said so with a very serious look and a strong tone.

He seemed he wasn't afraid of the death at all for love.

He used to be so fragile.

But the day when he met princess Dina , he must have changed himself.

Love always makes us strong and keep changed.

And it even gives us the reason to live and die.

Like Natali decided to devote herself to protect Dina.

Like Dina decided to devote herself to protect this Kingdom.

"Jonathan.."

The king stood up and approached Jonathan.

And hugged tightly Jonathan.

He said.

"Jonathan..

I don't know if it is really possible to evade the war.

But ,if it is your decision, go with her ,protect your lover.

Even if you were not a prince , you were still my son.

And , run away if it was impossible and found this the Roses Kingdom had been already burned.

Live happy with princess Dina at somewhere."

"I will come back. Please wait for me. Don't say that." said Jonathan and held his father's body back.

"Jonathan..You are truly my son.."

The queen also stood up and held his son's body softly and said. And said.

"Please don't die. We do our best to survive. I love you."

"I love you too." Said Jonathan holding her body.

Dina was near the door leaning against the wall and was listening to their conversation.

"Thank you my Jonathan. I love you. I will never let you die."

She murmured with running lots of tears on her face.

And she decided she never fails to protect the people.

Chapter 14

The sun began to rise.

All of the things that had last night were started to be known under the sun.

After in depth investigation, they found same foot marks that had been found near the fire even on a large wall that surrounds Roses Kingdom.

The killers who were pretending to be her drivers must have been already left the Kingdom.

And they found some new marks of a carriage on the route which leads to the forest.

There must have been a carriage which was waiting for the killers to escape.

In the bag of Natali, a letter written by the king of the Poseidn Kingdom was found.

A command to Natali and other drivers was written .

Though this was never be shown to Dina , it made others again realize that their situation was not easy.

Now , Jonathan and Dina were standing in front of the gate of the castle with a white horse. His name was Clouds. Jonathan's best friend.

Jonathan looked back and found a figure of his parents through a window in the castle.

He did a smile.

And turned to his horse and rode on him.

Jonathan's eyes were so serious and filled with confidence that he would keep protecting his lover , Dina.

He passed his hand to Dina.

Dina took his hand and rode on his back.

Dina put her arms on the body of Jonathan.

They didn't look back anymore.

They didn't have time to lose anymore.

As soon as they leave from the gate , archeries and other soldiers were scheduled to leave the castle and close the gate tightly.

Dina and Jonathan had to see the king of Poseidn before the war begins.

Dina missed Natali.

But she stopped thinking of Natali as Dina had been said Natali would be cared well by them.

As Natali did for Dina, Dina also had to do her best.

"Clouds , go ." said Jonathan.

Jonathan pulled a rope which was attached to the neck of Clouds.
The horse which had beautiful long hair started to run like a wind
carrying them.

Chapter 15

It was raining heavily.

The sky had been covered with lots of clouds and the sun had been interrupted its shining by them.

Now that Dina and Jonathan were looking down cities beneath on a hill.

Finally , they had found Poseidn Kingdom.

Dina looked at the cities and found a place the outside has been surrounded by a great wall.

Dina raised her right arm and pointed a center of the cities gracefully on Jonathan's back .

Though heavy rain and wind were running on her face , she didn't care it at all..

"Look ,my father must have been there." Said Dina clearly.

"O.K." said Jonathan staring at a direction which Dina pointed out.

The castle had been surrounded by a high wall and lots of guards were walking everywhere near the wall.

There were lots of big holes on the wall. It seemed they had even canons.

For the first time ,she felt scared to see them.

The people who had been protecting me might be killing me as well. She thought.

"Let's go." But, said she hiding his scare in herself.

Chapter 16

Soon , Dina and Jonathan reached at the gate of Poseidn Kingdom. Several guards with a long sword had been guarding the gate. The gate was quite thick ,large and made of molten red iron. Two big tridents crossing each other had been edged on the surface.

"I will be alright. Never mind." Said she on hers eyes to Jonathan.

Jonathan were anxious for her but let her went.

Dina knew that they were in the side of Dina.

"Hi.." Dina said to one of the guards.

"Who are you?" Said the guard man approaching to see her well and changed his face.

"My lady .. princess Dina!" said he surprisingly looking at her eyes .

"Yes" Said Dina calmly still hiding her face holing the cloth with her hand.

"Princess Dina, I heard that you were killed in Roses Kingdom..."

"No.. I am alive. Well , I have no time , could you open the gate please? I have to see my father"

"Sure, my lady." The guard opened the gate.

"Jonathan , come with me." Said Dina silently.

Jonathan nodded and came to Dina.

Inside of the cities , Dina heard the people were talking about news they heard.

"Our princess was killed!."

"What a terrible thing they did!."

"My princess... Oh.. my..!"

"Kill them right now ! Go and attack Roses Kingdom!"

Some were raising their arm and screaming , others were crying covering their face.

And lots of soldiers were marching to the gate.

They must be going to attack Roses Kingdom.

The killers must have been already come back.

Or maybe , it was scheduled to rumor even if they didn't come back.

They must be going to make the people know that they have to attack the innocent Kingdom.

Jonathan felt scared to see the people raise their voice and scream the name of Roses Kingdom.

We often forget the fact that a temporary feeling makes us lose

much important matters and brings us much a bigger trouble and sadness.

And , the people who believe they possess enough power superior to others can be easily aggressive as if the power was a right given by the heaven.

Dina cried as she saw her people are screaming.

If they had loved someone in a different country , they must have known how hard asking a war was.

Dina thought.

Chapter 17

In several hours , they had been standing in front of a gate.
This was the big castle where they had to step in.
The castle had been composed of lots of big stones.
It was said that all of those stones had been carried by a big mountain where conquered by Poseidn Kingdom.
She bowed and said clearly "I am princess Dina , am alive. " as one of the guards who were near the gate was approaching surprisingly looking at a statue of Dina on her horse.
"Where is my father?" asked she.
"My lady , our king is in a main room." Said he happily.
Dina felt a little relieved.
Some guards were still on her side.
At least by now.
Soon , they stepped in the castle and arrived at the main room where his father was in.
Dina stood in front of the gate and opened it silently.
Jonathan followed her.

The room was so cold and dark.
This was usual for the king.

They found a big and tall man in a black and long cloak had been seated in his great chair that was flamed with heads of golden lions in a large room.
Though ,it was a large and dark room but had only some white and long candles near a chair on the bottom was shining.
And the face of the man had been directed to the ground and couldn't be recognized.
But she knew it.
It was her father.
He calls anyone only when he needs it.
He had been staying always alone.
And he had n' t give her enough chance to talk to him.
She was used to it.
Though she knew this was very strange.
Jonathan also felt very strange.
No one was not around the king.
Even guards.

"Father.." Dina called him.
It must have been for the first time for Dina seeing him close in

recent 3 years.

"Father ..I have just come back". Said she with a scared voice.

But were you going to kill me?" asked she.

He raised his face finally and stared at Dina's face for a while and murmured.

"Someone must have betrayed me." With a small voice.

"Father! Please answer to me." Approached Dina and said.

"Dina ...you were going to be a heroine for this Kingdom.

We could have attacked the Kingdom and enlarged our territories. But it seems you failed. Why?" Said he.

"Father ..you were going to kill me..." She murmured.

"I love the people ! Don't attack them."Cried she.

"Why? My child.. they are not belonging to us! They are foreigners !" Cried he again.

"Father...you were going to kill me and the people only for your desire?"

"Yes , it is for this Kingdom!" screamed he.

"You are wrong! They were very nice to me.

We have no reason to make them die for such a silly reason."

No sooner had desperate Dina approached him , he took his sword and swung it on her.

"Dina!" Jonathan cried her name out and jumped at her so as to evade his swing at her .

Dina fell to the ground though was not injured.

But she was shocked.

Natali was truly true.

She must have known it.

But ,she still wanted to believe even she knew it.

"Why are you going to kill your daughter?!"

Jonathan screamed.

"Because she is against my decision ! !"

"Even her mother!"

She turned to him and did a question look.

"What ? What do you mean ?."

"What did you do on my mother?!" Cried Dina.

" I punished her as well 3 years ago. That's why she is now in a prison !"

"Ohhhh...Ahhh!"

She screamed .

"Is it a lie that she is in hospital?" asked she with her sadness and confusion.

"Exactly! Your mother must have been already dead .

She was against my decision for the first attack.

But the attack was very important to make this Kingdom rich .

I jailed her after our long quarrel !"

Said the king irritatingly looking at Dina.

She staggered and fell to the ground.

"Dina!!" Screamed Jonathan.

The next moment , her father had kicked her head.

"Ah !" Screamed she slightly and her body was strongly hit on the wall.

She closed her eyes and didn't move her body anymore.

It was too hard for her.

She didn't want to live anymore.

Chapter 18

Jonathan stood in front of Dina.

"Why can you do this to her...?" Jonathan cried angrily.

"Are you going to be killed for her?"

The king ignored Jonathan's word , turned to Jonathan and screamed.

"Oh.. everything had been going well as I planned.. But she is alive! I failed !"

"Ok.. I will kill her again now and modify the project!" screamed he angrily.

"No ! Some of the people know that she is alive . You can't do it."

Screamed Jonathan.

The king again ignored his voice and did swing his long sword to her.

Jonathan cut in between them and covered her body.

With a slight pain , bloods came out of his back.

He turned back to the king and stood up silently.

"I am sorry."

Jonathan thought .

What Dina would think if she found her father had been killed when she woke up?

Why he had to do this?

It was hard even for Jonathan that he had to kill her father to save her.

She will have lost both of her parents.

But , this was the only one way to save her.

Jonathan's eyes were filled with his sadness and anger.

But , he didn't stop his move. He mustn't stop his move.

Jonathan put his hand on the other side and pulled his sword from the cover slowly watching at her father's dark eyes.

As he pulled the sword , single rose edged on the surface started to appear.

And a tendril of the rose had been edged until the top of the sword.

The king smirked.

"Welcome to this real world , are you a residence living in a Rose garden?" said he watching at his rose.

" I am a knight." Said Jonathan.
"For what?" The king asked swinging his large sword.
Jonathan leaned back so as to evade it and said.
"For Dina."
"She is dead. And what did you accomplish?! The king laughed at Jonathan and said.
You don't have any power to save anyone."
And the king continued.
"I know that rose on your sword."
"It is a symbol of the Roses Kingdom."
"Haha... You can't save even your Kingdom. All of your people would die soon."

A blue face appeared on his neck.
"I am the devil.I Come to anyone who is desperate to get power. "
Jonathan didn't say a word though he was slightly shocked.
"You know, my owner sold his family and his people to get enormous power!."
"He is smart and you are silly!."
"What do you expect without a power."
"I repeat this for you. You can't save anyone."
The king rushed Jonathan and lanced his sword to him.
Jonathan slightly changed his direction and evaded the swing.
The king staggered as he failed and turned back to Jonathan.

A drop of tears fell to the ground.
Jonathan was crying.
It was sadness to her father.
"What a silly man."
Thought Jonathan.

A single drop of tears fell onto the surface of his sword and ran into the tendril of a rose.
The devil did a strange look and changed it into fear.
The rose on the sword began to shine as the tears ran.
The shine started to be bigger and bigger in a moment.
And the sword was filled with the strong shine..
This was the thing Jonathan had and the loyal family of the Roses Kingdom had.
But in fact everyone must have.

The devil staggered and leaned against the wall.
The devil didn't know what it was.
But terribly scared to see the light.
It was something much bigger and stronger than the devil had.

Jonathan felt it on his palm.

Jonathan didn't fear anything.

But the devil did.

"No ... Don't come to me with it!!." The devil screamed as he is scared.

"I beg you ! Mr!?. I will give you enormous power to rule this world if you saved my life!"

"I don't need such a thing." Jonathan murmured silently and approached.

"Then drop dead!"

The devil screamed at Jonathan and moved his sword because he felt scared.

But Jonathan moved much faster than the devil does and had lanced his shining sword onto the center of the devil's face.

"Arhhh...!"The devil screamed and covered his face with his palm.

But his face started to burn terribly and couldn't do anything.

"Arhh...!"The devil screamed and rolled on the room.

"Dina...!"

No sooner had the devil fell , Jonathan cried her name and approached for her.

Jonathan put his hand under her back and raised her body to him.

But her face was so white and didn't move at all.

The devil screamed and laughed at Jonathan on his back.

"See? She is dead.. She would never return to you !."

She was not breathing.

Her heart stopped moving.

She must have stopped anything when she had fell to the ground.

She is dead.

But ,under such a hard situation everyone might give up ,he was believing a fact.

It was the fact that the power of loving someone was much greater than having enormous power.

He put his fingers onto her face and moved them gently to her neck.

He called her name caressing her neck gently.

"Dina .. Come to me."

At that time, her consciousness was swaying in a dark and cold world.

She was falling in the air.

She opened her eyes slightly wondering where she was.

As she saw around , a figure of her mother appeared.

But her face was pale like a dead mask.

Dina screamed and tried to come to her.

"Mom!."

But two of her hands had been jailed with chains.

Her mother was taken away suddenly by someone from her sight.

Her figure disappeared.

Next up , Natali's face appeared.

She was lying on her bed.

Dina wanted to come to her.

But the figure disappeared before she does with Natali's screaming.

Suddenly fire occurred and burned her face.

Next up , a figure of her father appeared , smiling.

But, the next moment , his face turned to that of anger and lanced his sword to her.

"No... ! stop it!! "she screamed and covered her face with her palms.

"No...please no...!!" she kept covering her face and dropped much deeper in the darkness.

She hated anyone, anything , anymore.

She lost her desire to live.

She had kept falling for a while.

But she found something was swaying in the distance.

It was shining.

It was coming to her.

The more it approached , the more she felt the warmth and felt better .

"What is it? " she thought.

But soon , she got tears out of her eyes.

This is what I want.

She realized it.

She opened her arms and approached for the shine and be filled with the light.

The light was calling her name "Dina."

It was a voice of Jonathan.

And the light was love.

A miracle occurred.

She opened her eyes.

And she found she has been held by someone.

It was Jonathan.

"Jonathan..." she opened her mouth and called his name.

She held his body tightly and kissed on him.

Jonathan put his hand on her back and kissed back caressing her head and hair gently , passionately.

"Impossible...It isn't normal....!!" the devil stared at Dina's face and dropped his jaw.

But the next time , the face disappeared being covered by fire.
And the devil disappeared from the king.
"Dina , The devil was on your father's body. But he has now gone.
" Said Jonathan pointing his neck out..
She didn't say a word but remembered what she had to do.
"We have to get back our peace!"
She cried.
Jonathan nodded.

She called guards and made them find a location of her mother .
Her mother had been found soon.
She had been quite fine.
Some guards knew that their queen had been jailed but they
couldn't make it in public for fear of the king's punishment.
But they were offering enough meal and information to her
secretly.
Her mother knew well current situatio and her position.
She had been missing her daughter but had been fine as the guards
were telling her what her daughter did and how much she was
missing her everyday.

As soon as she was released from the prison , she had showed
herself in front of the people and declared the returning of
peace.

The troops on the way to the Roses Kingdom were called back
immediately , and everyone who had been fighting for their king
felt relieved and cried happily.
Surely this news was sent to the Roses Kingdom and made everyone
relieved.

Chapter 19

A carriage carrying Dina , her maid Natali was following a route that leads to the Roses Kingdom in the forest .

But , Dina's parents were also with them in this time.

They had been invited for a banquet by a royal family of Roses Kingdom.

Two years had already passed after the last war.

The king had regretted what he had done and promised the people to do his best for compensating for it.

Now that the queen and her daughter were staying at the important position for the Kingdom.

For bringing back a tight relationship with other Kingdoms, Dina had been busy for visiting other Kingdoms for a talk.

Jonathan had to come back to the Roses Kingdom to aid Dina's work. Jonathan also often visited other Kingdoms for persuading other Kingdoms.

They decided not to see each other for a while for their work.

Though this break up was very hard for them , this was the way they chose.

Now that Jonathan was not a prince.

He was calling himself as "A knight in the Rose garden." and was training his students to make them a knight.

The people in the Poseidon Kingdom never knew that he had been a prince of Roses Kingdom.

But they had been admired him as "An incarnation of roses who brought back a peace to the Kingdom from the devil."

At night , Dina in a white dress had been seated on a bench near the lake.

She had just left a banquet room and come there.

The reflection of the moon was swaying on the surface.

The air was cold.

"Dina" Dina turned back as she heard man's voice.

"Jonathan" she called his name.

"How have you been lately?" Jonathan asked her holding her body softly in his arms.

"I thought you knew that in our letters." Said Dina watching at his eyes.

Smiling.

"Oh , yes." Said Jonathan.

Smiling.

Two of them had been writing lots of letters to each other for 2 years.

Finally they could see each other tonight as they finished their work.

It was making all of the Kingdoms have a strong relationship each other.

Jonathan put his hand into his pocket and fumbled a small box.

"Dina , please get this." Jonathan turned to her and said calmly.

"What is it?" Said Dina smiling and looking at a box on a palm Jonathan showed.

Dina took the box off and opened it on her palm.

There was a beautiful silver ring.

The ring was shining under the moon light.

A small rose had been edged on the top of the ring.

And her name had been edged on the side of the ring with a word.

"True beauty never be dried"

This was the word devoted for Dina.

Beauty can be driving justice or power.

But never be vice versa.

Truly beautiful things will keep attracting people.

But it isn't an appearance but an act they do.

"Jonathan.." Dina stared at his eyes.

"I love you. I can't stop this. please marry me. " continued Jonathan.

"I love you forever... " Replied Dina.

Tears came out of two of their eyes.

They held their body each other and kept kissing passionately.

The silver moon was looking down on them silently.

"Where are you Dina?"

A voice interrupted their time.

It was a voice of her mother.

Dina turned back and found a figure of her mother in the distance.

She was with Natali and her husband.

Natali was trying to persuade her not to step in this area.

"My lady , I believe princess Dina must have been enjoying her happy time with ex prince Jonathan around here .

Because we don't see even him.

We shouldn't interrupt them . They must have been missing each other for 2 years! "

"I know it Natali , but it is not fun hanging around without my daughter." complained the queen.

Dina smiled to hear that happily.

Dina was not alone anymore.

There were several countries in the land.

the Roses Kingdom was a small country surrounded by a large forest.

And , lots of red roses were blossoming in the forest.

It said the name of the Kingdom was from these roses.
It said not power but love protected once the Kingdom.
The name of the Kingdom was Roses Kingdom.



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