**PROMISE**

**-GULSAR ALMAS**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**Promise, this was not just a word or just seven letters. These seven letters mean a lot. The promise was a thing that we can do easily and we have to struggle a lot to keep our promise.**

**We all should make a promise to someone. Some of us are still struggling to keep our promise. Some of us are not doing that.**

**Don't violate your promise because it is just a word for you. But it was the hope of the person whom you promised. So keep up your promise as long as you can. I hope you will.**

**Our story was also about a promise. This story was an imaginary historical fantasy love story. Let’s see in this story that the promise made by someone in our story was kept up by them or not.**

**Characters:**

**Lead: Kim Woo and Shin Min**

**Aera, Dallia, and, Bong cha.**

**Okay, we’re going to start our story “PROMISE” from this part.**

**PROMISE**

**People are standing in the queue. They all are school students. “Aera” is a beautiful girl. Her eyes are a window to her soul. She had such beautiful eyes. She is short. Her long and straight hair makes her look more and more attractive.**

**Everyone likes her. Everyone wants to be her friend. But she was too naughty and crazy too. Her friends are exactly like her. They always do crazy things and make fun of.**

**Someone was pulling Aera’s bag. That’s Dallia and Bong cha. These two are Aera’s close friends. These three girls are roommates. Aera and Bong cha was the topper of the school and also have a lot of black marks because of their crazy activities.**

**They are not just three. There are six members in their gang. The rest three are boys. If these six get together there must be a disaster. These six are crazy to the core.**

**They'll do whatever they want. They don't think about others. As usual, they are teasing some students standing in the queue. They are visiting a museum so they are standing in the queue. Now they are getting inside the museum. Today is the 50th anniversary of this museum. So they offered high schools to visit the museum.**

**Everyone was now following their class teacher. Their class teacher was explaining about the past of their city. It was a small city but it has a lot of historical elements.**

**The teacher is explaining an incident that happened before Korea’s independence. The six members are with their teacher except for Aera. Dallia notices the absence of Aera so, she informed the teacher. Everyone was searching for her, but she is not there.**

**Bong cha is shouting “Madam, Aera is here” Aera is standing in front of a historical painting and staring at it. The class teacher and others have arrived at that place. The teacher scolded Aera but she don't react.**

**“Can you explain about this painting madam?” asked Aera curiously. “This painting was based on a love story of two warriors of Sila” In 18BC, our country was divided into three kingdoms Baekji, Sila, and Goguryeo. Sila was a powerful kingdom but it had more enemies. This painting was about a love story between Silas warrior Kim woo and Wonhwa (female warrior) Shin min. They had a big dream of getting married. But both of them have died in a war. This painting was based on the scene where they fought for their lives in the war. So this is the story behind the painting" said Aera's teacher.**

**Aera doesn't show this much interest in historical stories, but today she is a little bit weird.**

**Bong cha has a habit of collecting ancient things. She always shares her collection details with Aera. But she used to refuse her. This time it was too weird.**

**“What happened to you Aera? You don't have an interest in ancient and historical things right? But what happened today" asked Bong cha.**

**“Exactly I don’t know but I got an attraction on that painting, I’m going to learn more about the kingdom Sila and the story between Kim woo and Shin min” replied Aera.**

**She searched about the kingdom of Sila on the internet, but she doesn’t get any deep information. This increases her curiosity about the mystery behind the painting.**

**One day Aera noticed that someone was following her. She turned back, but no one was there. She felt that someone was following and watching her activities.**

**This feeling of Aera continued every day. Suddenly one day she saw an old man standing far and watching her weirdly. Aera went near him “Why are you following me? I’ve noticed you” The old man doesn't reply. Aera warned him and left. The old man smiled at Aera and started watching her.**

**“What happened to you, why are you looking upset?” asked Dallia.**

**“An old man he was about 45 years old was always following and watching me”**

**“An old man?” Dallia started laughing.**

**This makes Aera angry, but she doesn’t react to her. She went to her bed angrily. She started searching for the painting. By searching, she got some details about a book.**

**"The Rise of Sila" this book was written by an ancient poet. Aera thought that this book should have details about the painting. So she decided to search for the book. While searching for this book on the internet, she fell asleep.**

**Aera was a crazy and naughty girl. She doesn’t do anything seriously, but this time it was different. The attraction of Aera towards this painting makes Bong cha help her.**

**As we saw before, Bong cha has a hobby of collecting historical things and ancient elements. So she decided to help Aera to know the mystery behind the painting.**

**Not the mystery, Aera was interested to know the remaining love story of Kim woo and Shin min. They all have a question that “What happened to Kim woo and Shin min after the war?”**

**The next day morning there is a surprise for Aera. Aera’s mom was there. Aera was shocked to see her mom.**

**“Mom, what are you doing here?” asked Aera.**

**“I’m here to celebrate your birthday”**

**“Mom but my birthday is next month. Are you going to stay here for a month?” asked Aera shockingly.**

**Aera’s mom smiled at her and replied “yes” “Okay, do whatever you want. I’m going to take bath and I have a lot of work” replied Aera.**

**She went to take bath. After that, she dressed up and went to meet her friends. “Bye mom, my friends are waiting for me in the kid’s park”**

**Meanwhile, Aera's mom started checking her belongings. She noticed that Aera had a cigarette pack in her table locker. Aera's mom got angry.**

**She went to the park. Aera was sitting there with her friends.**

**“Aera, what is this?” asked her mom.**

**“Mom what are you doing here?”**

**“What is this Aera, do you smoke?” her mom asked rudely.**

**“It’s not mine. It’s Bong cha”**

**“Stop lying” she slaps Aera in front of all.**

**“It’s mine aunt, She won't smoke," said Bong cha.**

**Aera's mom apologized to her. The old man was standing at the entrance of the park and staring at Aera's mom. Aera’s mom noticed him and she got scared.**

**“Aera do you know him?” asked Aera's mom.**

**“Who do you ask?”**

**“He is standing near the entrance”**

**"I know him, mom. He is following me but I don't know why"**

**“Why he is staring at me when I behaved rudely to you?”**

**“I don’t know. I think he was flirting type”**

**“No Aera, he did not look like that. He is trying to save you from harm. Maybe you're similar to his daughter” said her mom.**

**“Whatever I don’t like him”**

**"I'm going to talk to him," said her mom. She looked again at the entrance, but he is not there.**

**"Where did he go? It is okay I’ll talk to him another day. Once again I’m sorry Aera”**

**“It’s okay mom. Leave it”**

**“Okay enjoy your day with your friends. I'll meet you later in the room"**

**After her mom left that place, they went to a cafe. Aera saw the same old man in the cafe. She got angry but those words her mom said before, made her patient.**

**Aera went inside the cafe. After a few seconds, she looked out again. But he was not there.**

**“Thank god, he left”**

**“Who do you talking about?” asked Dallia.**

**“That old man we met before”**

**“Don’t take it as a big deal. Leave him” said Bong cha. But Aera can’t take this easy as everyone said.**

**After this, Aera went to the museum again. She started looking at the painting. She got inspired by the painting every time she saw it.**

**“You know something? I don’t know why, but I’m attracted by you without any reason” said Aera.**

**After leaving the museum Aera went to a library to search about the history of Sila.**

**She doesn’t get that particular book (The Rise of Sila), but she got a book similar to that.**

**She brings the book with her home. "Welcome back Aera," said Bong cha.**

**Bong cha hugged Aera and said in Aera’s ear, "Your mom is boring. She is talking gossips about her neighbors, please save us from her”**

**Aera laughed and went inside. Dallia was sitting in a pity way, if it was a little late she would have gone crazy. By seeing Aera, Dallia rushed and hides behind her.**

**“Mom, stop it. Look at her, if I'm late you'll make her crazy. Don’t repeat this”**

**After all these, they went to eat. "Wow, your cooking was an awesome aunt. We are eating homemade food after a long time" said Bong cha and Dallia.**

**“Don’t worry I’ll cook for you guys until Aera’s birthday, but after her birthday I’ve to go”**

**"We'll miss you, aunt," said Dallia.**

**“Do you wanna hear more gossips?” asked Bong cha.**

**“No, no” replied Dallia. They all are started laughing. After finishing dinner Dallia went to help Aera’s mom in vessel washing.**

**Bong cha and Aera both were reading the book bought by Aera. By reading the book, both of them fell asleep. After finishing work Dallia joined them.**

**The net day morning Dallia woke up earlier. She looked around but everyone was in a deep sleep. She went inside the kitchen and prepared coffee for her.**

**She went to the balcony and enjoyed the sunrise with a cup of coffee. She looked around the apartment garden and enjoyed the view.**

**“Aera, Wake up” shouted Dallia.**

**“What happened, why are shouting Dallia?” asked Aera.**

**“Come with me”**

**"Where do you ask me to come?”**

**“Come to the balcony. Look the old man, we saw before was there in the garden”. Aera viewed that place, she saw someone's shadow. She looked clearly and that was the security uncle.**

**"Look that was security uncle, not the old man. Don't get confused. You're sleepy, so our security resembles like that old man” explained Aera.**

**“But I saw him”.**

**"Come inside we'll listen to some songs," said Aera.**

**Both went inside and played their favorite k-pop band's song "Boy with Luv".**

**“How dare you guys are listening BTS songs without me?” asked Bong cha.**

**"Come, baby join us," said Dallia.**

**“I want something stronger**

**Than a moment, than a moment love**

**I have waited longer**

**For a boy with, for a boy with love," they started singing like this.**

**After an hour they started getting ready for their exams. The final exams are gonna start tomorrow. So they are preparing well for it.**

**The six members are joined together again in Aera’s home not for making disasters, but for study purposes.**

**Dallia is the one who is an innocent girl. She has a lot of problems with her studies, so she needs others' help.**

**Every member of this gang loves Dallia a lot. They helped her in her studies.**

**"Take a break, have some coffee, or come eat breakfast," said Aera's mom.**

**"Sure aunt, why not," said Dallia. Everyone was laughed at her.**

**"Why you guys are laughing at me. I'm hungry guys. I'm gonna eat, who's gonna join me" asked Dallia.**

**“Me, me," said others.**

**They started eating. "Aunt I like the way you treat us," said Yang Yang.**

**"Aera I've forgotten to tell you that, I saw the old uncle outside in the garden area," said Yang Yang.**

**“Look, I’ve already told you. I saw the old man before” said Dallia.**

**Aera doesn't react. She was thinking about the reason for this. But she doesn't get any idea about this. She was confused.**

**"Guys if any one of us saw him again, we've to ask the reason from him," said Aera and started eating.**

**"But I think he was not following in bad motive," said Aera's mom.**

**"Good or Bad, I don't want him to follow me. First, let's prepare for our exams and then we'll look after this problem" said Aera.**

**Aera and her friends went to school. Aera saw a man in an ancient costume. He came and talked to her.**

**“Think about your past Aera, you can get an idea about the old man".**

**“Wait, how did you know him?”**

**“I know everything about you but that’s not important now”**

**“Do you know about the old man?”**

**“Yeah, I know about him too”**

**“Then say, why he follows me? What was the connection between thinking about my past and him?”**

**“You’ll understand everything soon, this is the time to leave” by saying this, the man started walking into the crowd and at one point he disappeared from Aera’s view.**

**“Hye, wait tell me about him. Don’t go” shouted Aera.**

**“Why are you shouting? To whom you were asking to stop?” asked Bong cha.**

**“I saw a man in ancient costume and he said about the old man to me. But he doesn’t say anything clearly. He also asked me to remember my past”**

**"Why did he ask you to remember your past? Did you forget anything important?**

**Okay then, where the person was now?” asked Bong cha.**

**“By saying this he started walking in this crowd and disappeared from my vision”**

**"Is he walk through a crowd?"**

**“Yeah, He passed along this crowd of students”**

**“But where was the crowd now. Look around we are the only humans standing here, others were going to the exam hall”**

**Aera looked around but no one was there. She was shocked to see this.**

**“But I saw a big crowd here”**

**“Just come out from your imagination. I came here by seeing you talking alone. That’s why I asked all this stuff you"**

**“No, I talked to a man here. I’m not talking alone”**

**"I think, you prepared a lot for exams and that's why you're gone crazy," said Bong cha laughingly. Others arrived there and then they went to the exam hall.**

**They finished their exams and went to the cafe, they usually meet. They shared their experience with the exam.**

**"As usual I've forgotten my answers. Hope I can pass" said Dallia.**

**“Don’t worry you will pass the examination” replied Aera.**

**“Okay guys, I have to leave now," said Aera.**

**“Where are you going?” asked Dallia and others.**

**“Don’t you guys know where she is going?” asked Bong cha.**

**“No”**

**“She is going to the museum guys”**

**“Yeah, I'm going to the museum," said Aera.**

**“Bong cha, Dallia I’ll meet you guys at home. Stay away from my mom” said Aera laughingly.**

**After this, she left the cafe and went to the museum. As usual, she spent her time with the painting. She had a habit of talking with that particular painting. She talked a while and then she talked with the museum curator.**

**She returned home at 7:00 PM. On the way to her house, she noticed that someone was following her. She thought that it would the old man. So she ignored it and continues walking.**

**She hears a lot of shoe sound behind her. She understood that this time the one who is chasing her was not the old man.**

**Some cheap guys are following her. They are trying to harass her. Aera started running and those guys started chasing her.**

**She ran fast and slipped into a place. She is helpless and she doesn't even have a chance to escape. Those cheap guys laughed and neared Aera.**

**“Stop, you cheap guys” shouted the old man. Suddenly he arrived there and saved Aera’s life.**

**After rescuing her from them he asked Aera to be safe. He advised her, not to come alone at night. Aera thanked and left the place.**

**Now she got a good impression of the old man. That night she went home and doesn't share this with her mom and friends.**

**The next day she went to the cafe and today she doesn’t bother about the old man because she knows that the old man is not bad.**

**Also, she felt guilty to think that, the old man was a flirting type. But she was happy today.**

**Days went. After few weeks, Aera and her friends planned to have lunch together. Aera went to the restaurant with Bong cha. They ate their lunch and had fun.**

**“We have a party today with our juniors” informed Dallia.**

**“Really?” asked Aera.**

**"Yeah, we all have to go today," said Dallia.**

**“What's the timing because I've to go to the museum in the evening," said Aera.**

**“The party was at 7:30 PM, so you don't have any problem," said Dallia.**

**“Okay then, let’s meet there. I’m leaving now” said Aera and left the cafe.**

**As usual, Aera went to the museum and spent time viewing the painting.**

**"Why you are coming here daily," asked the museum curator.**

**“Hi uncle, I don’t know why? But I love to spend time with this painting” replied Aera.**

**"This painting carries a cute love story," said the curator.**

**“Is there any other things here related to this story and painting?”**

**“Yeah, a lot of things related to Sila were in our museum. I’ll search for you”**

**“Have my phone number uncle. If you get any information contact me”**

**“Okay dear”**

**“Okay then uncle, I'm leaving now. I have a party today with my juniors"**

**“Go safe have fun”**

**Aera went to the house and dressed up for the party. She went to the party. Aera danced with her junior.**

**“Why are you dancing with her?” asked a junior guy.**

**Aera’s dance partner replied “Because I like her”**

**"Why do you have interest in an old man's girlfriend?” asked that junior guy.**

**“Stop your stupid talks” shouted Aera’s friends.**

**"Leave him guys, He is just a kid," said Aera.**

**“If you don’t date him, why he is following you?” asked the junior guy.**

**“He is not like that. He is good not like you bitch” replied Aera harshly.**

**“Go out and look, your boyfriend was standing there”**

**This made Aera angry and she left that place. But the old man was out and looking at Aera. When Aera came out, suddenly the old man became nervous and shy.**

**By seeing his shy face and blushed cheeks, Aera got angry and shouted at him. Aera’s friends came there. Aera went on a fight with him. Aera’s friends try to control her but, they can’t.**

**"Why are you following me? Don’t be silent I need an answer”**

**He was standing silently. I'm gonna call the police. Bong cha stopped Aera and bring her to the house. The old man is standing there and looking at Aera walking with her friends. He enjoys the view and gets shy by seeing Aera on party wear.**

**"Why you are behaving this rude?" asked Bong cha.**

**“Look at the old man. How cheap he was. He was shy and he got blushed whenever he saw me. Don’t you think this was bad and cheap?”**

**"But if you call the police, this news will spread all over the city and you can't even able to be happy" advised Bong cha.**

**Bong cha consoled Aera and bring her to the room. She made her rest in her bed.**

**"What happened at the party?" asked Aera's mom.**

**“Nothing mom, she’s tired” replied Dallia.**

**“How was the party?”**

**“It’s really good” replied Bong cha.**

**“Okay then, rest well”**

**After all these Bong cha went to bed. But she was worried about Aera, so she can’t able to sleep well. Suddenly she got a notification from her friend.**

**"Tomorrow our exam results will be released. Do you remember? I’ll meet you tomorrow in your room. I’ll bring our friends too” After the conversation Bong cha falls asleep.**

**Suddenly a sound, Bong cha woke up and look around. Nothing was there. She sees the time. The time was almost 5:30, so she went to the kitchen and made coffee for her.**

**She went to the balcony and drinks the coffee and enjoyed the view of the early morning. Suddenly she got shocked because the old man is standing out and staring at Aera's room window.**

**Bong cha was shocked and she understood the seriousness of this. She went inside and made Aera wake. She brings coffee to Aera. Then they went to wake up Dallia.**

**They are getting ready to invite their friends. The doorbell rings. Bong cha went and opened the door.**

**“Get inside guys” Said Dallia.**

**“Welcome guys, do you guys had your breakfast?” Asked Aera**

**“No, we are here to eat your mom’s cooking” they replied.**

**"I'm also addicted to her cooking," said Dallia.**

**Aera's mom served food to everyone. They enjoyed themselves and finished the breakfast.**

**"Okay guys, it's time to see our results," Said Bong cha.**

**"I'm nervous about the result," said Dallia.**

**“Don’t worry Dallia, as usual, you're going fail” teased others.**

**“Shut up. I don’t fail this time”**

**They viewed their result online. As usual Bong cha and Aera were the toppers. Others got good marks. Dallia started dancing because she passed the examination.**

**“Guys we have to celebrate this moment. I’ve passed” Said Dallia joyfully.**

**“Okay then, I’ll cook special dishes for you all” Said Aera’s mom.**

**“Party, Party” everyone shouted joyfully.**

**After finishing the lunch everyone left Aera's home. Dallia went shopping with Aera's mom. Aera and Bong cha stayed alone in the room.**

**“Aera, I want to talk something serious to you”**

**“What?”**

**“It’s about the old man. He is not good. He is following you”**

**“Leave this topic. I know he was following me”**

**"No, I'm not talking about the past. I saw him today morning. The time was nearly 5:30. He was standing out and staring at you're room window"**

**“What are you saying?”**

**“Be safe, if you saw him again just go and slap him or just shout and gather some crowd”**

**“Okay” replied Aera disappointedly.**

**Aera and Bong cha both discussed some news about the painting too. Bong cha explained a little thing about the culture of Sila.**

**They both talked a lot about the past story of Sila. Bong cha shared a lot of details with Aera. This makes Aera stress-free.**

**“Okay I’m leaving now”**

**“But where?” asked Bong cha.**

**“To the museum”**

**“Okay, carry on. See you later” said Bong cha.**

**Aera went to the museum. She started talking to the painting.**

**“Tomorrow is my birthday; I’ll come here tomorrow to see you. I think I wanna spend my Birthday with you. I’ll come earlier to see you tomorrow” said Aera and spent some time with the painting.**

**"Tomorrow is my birthday uncle," said Aera to the museum curator.**

**“I’m happy to hear this Aera. I have a surprise for you. I thought to give it today, but I'll give it tomorrow" said the museum curator.**

**"I'm excited uncle"**

**“Okay uncle, I’m leaving now. It’s been too late”**

**“Okay dear, have a good day. Advance happy birthday”**

**"Thank you, uncle, bye"**

**Aera went to her room. Dallia welcomed her. Aera's mom prepared Aera's favorite food for her. They cut the cake at midnight. They celebrated the moment very happily. Aera started crying.**

**“Why are you crying Aera?” asked her mom.**

**“Mom you’ll leave tomorrow, right? I’m gonna miss you mom”**

**"I'm also gonna miss you, aunt," said Dallia.**

**Everyone hugged Aera’s mom and started crying. She consoled them and she made them sleep by saying a bed story.**

**After this, she went to the kitchen and washed vessels. She went to Aera's room. She noticed that the window was left open.**

**She went and closed the window. While closing the window, she saw the old man standing there and staring at the window.**

**She was shocked to see him at late night, staring at her daughter’s room window. She felt something wrong with this. She closed the door and went to the balcony.**

**She saw outside but the old man was not there. Aera's mom was confused. She went to Aera's room and kissed her on her forehead. She also kissed Bong cha and Dallia. She went to her room to sleep.**

**The next day Aera woke and dressed up. She went out with her friends. They give presents to her. They enjoyed it a lot.**

**Aera usually visits an orphanage on her birthday. She went there with her mom. She brought a lot of gifts with her to the kids. The kids were really happy to see the gifts.**

**"Thank you Aera unnie," said a baby girl.**

**“That’s my pleasure to see happiness in your face dear”**

**"Mom this is my family, these kids are my happiness. Usually, I gave a small amount of my salary to this orphanage. Every year at my birthday I come and spend time with these kids"**

**"That's a good thing, I'm proud of you Aera"**

**“I’m gonna adopt a baby from this orphanage after finishing my higher studies"**

**“That’s your wish, I won’t oppose you”.**

**Aera’s mom started playing like a kid with these kids. Aera was really happy to see this. Suddenly a hand holds Aera’s hand.**

**“Shall you walk with me?” asked a kid.**

**“Yeah sure, what is your name?”**

**“I’m Yu Nabi”**

**“Nabi, such a cute name”**

**“Thank you”**

**“I want to ask you something”**

**“What, my dear”**

**“My friends said, you’re going to adopt someone from us”**

**“Yeah, that’s right”**

**“Please adopt all of us, but don’t just adopt and take one of my friends with you”**

**This makes Aera adopt everyone. She thought she want to adopt all of them.**

**“Okay sweety, I’ll adopt you all”**

**After hearing this, the girl jumped in happiness. This incident made Aera remember something. She doesn't get any clear view. Memories are flashing inside her eyes and brain, suddenly she got a heavy headache and she fainted down.**

**Nabi was shouting by seeing this. She called everyone and they provided the First aide to Aera. Aera's mom was worried about her daughter; her eyes are filled with tears.**

**After the first aid, Aera woke up. She saw her mom crying like a child.**

**"Ma, stop crying. I'm okay"**

**"No, you're not. Come let's go to the hospital"**

**“Ma, don’t make it as a big issue. I’m okay”**

**"No Aera, you're not okay. If you are okay, then why do you faint down?"**

**"Ma, I've forgotten to have my breakfast that's why I've fainted"**

**“Okay then, come let’s have lunch together” she brings Aera to a restaurant. She brings Aera to a restaurant.**

**"I don't eat without Bong cha and Dallia," said Aera.**

**“I’ve already texted them. They are on the way. Let’s order now”**

**"Ahh"**

**They ordered a lot of food. They also ordered Japchea for Dallia. Bong cha and Dallia arrived there. They joined them.**

**"Oh my favorite Japchea," said Dallia joyfully.**

**After finishing lunch they spent some time in the children's park. Then they returned home. Aera's mom packed her things.**

**"Okay, girls it's time to say goodbye," said Aera’s mom.**

**They started crying but they don’t want to send off her with a crying face. They shared a warm hug with Aera’s mom.**

**"Mom, shall I come to the railway station with you?"**

**“No, it’s okay dear I’ll manage”**

**“Bye girls. Take care of yourself. Be happy”**

**"Aunt Text us after reaching home," said Dallia.**

**After the send-off, they started to cry. Aera consoled them. They started listening to songs.**

**"Sorry I'm an anti-romantic" Dallia started singing. Others were laughed at her. The time passed it's almost 5:00, so Aera went to the museum.**

**On the way to the museum, she saw a beautiful rainbow. The color of the sky was pinkish. The weather was really good. In that pink shade of light, Aera looks more beautiful.**

**She arrived at the museum. She went in. She started walking to the place, where the painting was placed. She saw someone was standing in front of the painting. That person was wearing a suit.**

**Suddenly that man turned and looked at Aera. Yeah, as you all think he was that old man. In that weather and that shade of the sunlight, he can’t able to take his eyes off from Aera.**

**His eyes were staring at her, his lips are shivering and his cheeks were blushed. By seeing this Aera thought that he is going to propose to her.**

**He came near Aera, but suddenly Aera slapped him. She slapped him in a very bad way. He tried to say something, but again Aera raised her hands to slap him. He defended her hand.**

**People there gathered and started shouting and hitting the old man. He got shamed, so he left the place. Aera’s this act made him shame. After this Aera thought that he wouldn’t cross again in her life.**

**She went near the painting happily. As usual, she interacted with the painting. She talked a lot. She said everything that happened on her birthday.**

**After spending time with the painting, she went to see the curator uncle.**

**“Happy birthday Aera”**

**“Thank you uncle”**

**“I said I have a surprise for you, Close your eyes”**

**She closed her eyes curiously. The curator brings a book to her and asked her to open her eyes.**

**"OMG, I've searched for this book all over the world on the internet"**

**“I know that. This book contains a lot of information about this painting. This is our museum property but you can take this with you today. Hand over it tomorrow.”**

**"Thank you so much, uncle"**

**"Careful Aera this book is not a showpiece, that's why I'm giving it to you. Bring it safe tomorrow. Don't share about this book because it's government property"**

**“Okay sure uncle, I’ll keep it safe and handover it tomorrow”**

**Aera took the book with her. She can’t able to read the full book within a day, so she decided to take a printed copy. If she went to a shop to put Xerox of the book, she might be caught by the police.**

**She decided to set up a Xerox machine in her room. She asked her male besties to help her. They helped her to set up a Xerox machine in Aera’s room.**

**After this, she put a Xerox of the book “THE RISE OF SILA”. She was too tired so, she kept the book in a safe place and started sleeping.**

**The next day morning she returned the original book to the curator uncle and thanked him again. At last, she went near the painting and started seeing the painting.**

**Suddenly she got a headache. Memories are crashing and flashing inside her eyes and her brain.**

**She closed her eyes and sit down for few minutes by holding her head. The memories flashed inside her, were stopped and her headache was gone. Past few days she was facing this kind of problem.**

**She went to her room and made a strong cup of coffee for her. She went to her room and started reading the book.**

**She finished her coffee before reading the book. She opened the book “THE RISE OF SILA” it was written in the Korean language. She started reading it.**

**This book contains a lot of tragedy and a war-based story of Sila. But it also shows the happiest side of the people who lived there. She searched for the love story of Kim Woo and Shin Min. She got it and she started reading it.**

# THE RISE OF SILA (The story of Kim Woo and Shin Min):

**In Sila, the government runs a home for the children who lost their parents. There they provide food and shelter to the kids and train them as a soldier.**

**These people were the guardian soldiers of Sila. They make girls as Wonhwa(female soldiers) and boys as male soldiers. Shin min lost her parents by birth, so she lives in this home.**

**Kim woo was the son of a Wonhwa and a soldier. He lost his father in a war. He doesn't even see his dad's face because he was born after his death.**

**Kim woo's mother pampered him very well. Kim woo was lived in his mother's love. But one day Kim woo's mom left this world because of her health condition.**

**The government of Sila came forward and took care of Kim woo because he is from a warrior family and his family did a lot for Sila.**

**Kim woo missed his mom a lot. In the beginning, he doesn't even talk a word. He was a reserved child and he doesn't have friends.**

**Shin min came forward and she always helped him. She always had been with him. She took care of him. She washes his clothes because he doesn't even do all these before. Like this, the friendship between these two bloomed.**

**One day a couple visited the home. They were also a soldier family. They suffered without a baby for a long time so, they came to adopt Kim woo.**

**Shin min holds the hands of the couple and said “Adopt all of us or don’t. We were living like a family. Don’t separate a family member from u”**

**These few words of Shin min made them think. They dropped their adaptation plan. From that day onwards the couple came to the home weekly and brought snacks and toys to all the kids.**

**The kids fondly call them father and mother. Weekends are special to these kids because their father and mother bring toys and snacks to them.**

**The bond between Kim Woo and Shin min grew day by day. They can’t even be separate for few minutes. Days passed Kim woo got a lot of friends there. He started adopting the place.**

**Now they were grown up. The government started giving soldiers training to them. They taught archery, sword fighting, and horse riding to the Wonhwas. For male soldiers, they taught all the war-oriented fights and tricks, and also they taught archery, sword fighting, and horse riding too.**

**One day while training Shin min got hurt in her hands by the arrow. Kim woo heard this news and rushed to see her. Blood was bleeding in her hands. He lifted her and bring her to the doctor's room. The doctor was not there so, he nursed her y himself.**

**He cleaned her bleeding hands. He applied the ointment to her hands. He tied her wound properly. Shin min looks at his eyes and it was full of love towards her.**

**She got hurt in her right hand so, she can't able to eat. Kim woo feeds to shin min. He took care of her until the wound healed. Shin min feels the love of Kim woo.**

**"Why he was doing all these to me? Why I'm feeling blushed and shy whenever I saw him. Am I in love? Yeah, it's love" Shin min talked herself.**

**Days passed, the love between them was grown stronger. Their training was over. The government gave them the title Wonhwa and soldier.**

**After becoming a won war they have to stay in the palace. So Shin min and Kim woo can't able meet each other. They missed each other. At this time Kim Woo understood the love inside him towards her.**

**He planned to meet her. With his friends' help, he passed a letter to shin min.**

**"I'm waiting for you near the waterfalls, Come and meet me" written by Kim woo.**

**Shin min started walking to the falls. The sky was in pink shade. The shine of the sunset and the weather made that place more beautiful.**

**Shin min reached the place. Kim woo was standing there. He can't able to take his eyes off her. She looks more beautiful in the Wonhwa costume. The shine of the sunset makes her skin glow.**

**Kim Woo's eyes are staring at her. His lips were shivering and his cheeks were blushed. Shin min understood that Kim woo is going to propose to her. He came forward and stands close to her.**

**“I can’t able to be like this. I can’t even able to stay without seeing you and your beautiful eyes. I think I’m in love with you”**

**“Stop kidding”**

**"No, I'm not kidding. Don't you feel the love in my eyes?" by saying this he holds her hand.**

**"No, it's too late. I have to go" by saying this she started walking. Kim woo grabbed her hands and kissed her.**

**“Do you believe now?”**

**She pushed him back and started running to her horse. Kim Woo felt that she doesn't have feelings for him. He went back to his horse disappointedly. But shin min waits there for him.**

**"Sorry for behaving like that. I thought that you love me"**

**“Yeah it’s okay”**

**“Don’t you have anger towards me?”**

**"If I got angry, I'll kill you at the moment when you kissed me"**

**"Aish, I can't able to understand"**

**"Soldier Kim woo, Shin min is also in love with you" by saying this she hugged him. They return to the palace. They decided to meet daily evening at the same place.**

**They meet daily. They talk a lot. They shared a lot and lots of beautiful moments. One day Kim Woo asked Shin min "Do you have any wishes?"**

**“No”**

**“Just think and say”**

**“It’s not a wish it’s my dream”**

**“Tell that, I’ll do whatever you want”**

**“Oh really”**

**“Stop playing. I’m asking seriously”**

**“Okay then, I want to marry and lead a lovely life with you. I want to die as your wife. My life wants to pass away in your laps”**

**“We are going to get married soon. Don't say this again. You’re the only reason for my life. If you die what would I do without you?” by saying this Kim woo started crying like a child.**

**Shin min hugged him and consoled him. They officially confessed their love in front of the empress. The whole Sila was talking about these young lovely pair.**

**One day news received that, Sila’s enemy country was waging war on Sila. This news spreads like a forest fire all over the kingdom. The empress ordered the soldiers to be ready for the war. The soldiers took day and night to train themself.**

**That evening Shin min went to meet Kim woo. She was nervous about the war.**

**"I thought you don't come today," said Kim woo.**

**"I am worried," said shin min.**

**“Worried about what?” asked Kim woo.**

**"Don't you know the news about the war?" asked Shin min**

**“I know that”**

**"How you are been so cool?" asked Shin min.**

**“We have to take place in the war. Remember, your mom lost your dad in a war. I’m worried about you” said Shin min.**

**“I’m a warrior, don’t worry. Nothing will happen to me”**

**“I’m also taking place in this war. I'm leading the Wonhwas"**

**“I know my wife is also a warrior”**

**“Stop kidding Kim woo. If something happens to you, I won’t live in this world”**

**“Nothing will happen to us. After this war we are going to get married” said Kim woo.**

**“What would you do, if I die in this war?”**

**“What are you going to say now? If we get married now, the kingdom won’t allow us to participate in the war. This kingdom did a lot of things for us. We have to think about our kingdom. Don’t just think about us. We have to save the people of our kingdom”**

**“I know that but,”**

**"Don't think a lot. We have to contribute something to our kingdom. Our empress believes in you. So that she made you lead Wonhwas. Don't worry I'm always with you"**

**"Okay I'll do my best in the war," said Shin min.**

**Tears are welling in their eyes. Kim Woo consoled Shin min. He brings her to the palace. That night Shin min slept well. But Kim woo can't able to sleep well.**

**He was worrying about Shin min and her wish. The fear of not being able to fulfill her wish gripped him.**

**The next day they started their training enthusiastically. Wonhwas were trained specially.**

**The training ground of the Wonhwas and male soldiers were separate. Kim Woo shoots arrows in Shin min's direction, during the training hours to see her.**

**Everyone there noticed this naughty act of Kim woo. They started laughing. Shin min got shy and her cheeks were blushed. This act of Kim woo funnily leads the training session.**

**Kim woo was sad inside because he was worried about losing her. He didn't show it out. The war day was nearing so he spent more time with her. He ate, talked, and did a lot of things that makes her happy.**

**The empress sent some soldiers to the kingdom's border for safety precautions. A team of thirty soldiers under Kim woo's control were sent to the kingdom's border.**

**“I’m sending you guys to save our kingdom from secret attacks of the enemies. Be cautious and be safe too. I need your safety to safeguard our kingdom and our people” said the empress.**

**The soldiers went to prepare themselves. They wore their war costumes and they took their swards.**

**“Kim woo, wait a minute”**

**“Shin what are you doing here? What’s in your hand?”**

**“Empress ordered me to give this sward to you; this sward is your dad’s. This sward gives you more braveness. Come safe and soon. I’ll be waiting for you”**

**“I’m really happy to see my dad’s sward. Don’t worry I’ll be safe and I’ll return soon”**

**“One more thing, take this with you”**

**“What is this?”**

**"This handkerchief is mine. Keep this with you. It remains me always"**

**“You’re so lovely. I always keep this with me”**

**“One more thing honey”**

**“What baby?”**

**"I and some of my Wonhwa friends will bring food for you all daily so, I'll come daily to meet you"**

**“That’s great. I’ve afraid of can’t able to see you but now I’m happy”**

**He gave a warm hug to her and left the place with the soldiers. Shin min sent off him and went to sleep. She waited the whole day for seeing him at night.**

**The next day night Shin min and others were preparing to go there but, suddenly shin min got a severe stomach ache.**

**"You can't able to raid your horse in this situation," said her friend.**

**"No, I told him that, I'll come for him," said Shin min.**

**"He doesn't like to see you in this situation"**

**“But he’ll be eagerly waiting for me”**

**"If he saw you like this, he will be worried about you and also he can't able to concentrate on his work" advised her friend.**

**“Okay take care of him. If he asked about me tell him that, empress gave some works to me”**

**They left Shin min in the palace and went to give food to the soldiers. She was very sad. She went inside the room and started crying.**

**The girls went there with food. Kim woo was eagerly searching for Shin. He doesn't know that shin was not there. His eyes are searching for her.**

**“Where is shin?”**

**"She didn't come today" replied shin's friend.**

**"But why, she wasn't able to sleep without seeing my face at least once a day".**

**"Shin prepared to come suddenly the empress gave some works to her, that's why she didn't come" replied shin's friend.**

**“You are lying; you are trying to hide something from me”**

**"No, I'm not lying. I don't have any need to lie" replied her.**

**"Please don't lie. Tell the truth" Kim woo shouted towards her.**

**She can’t able to hide anymore, so she said the truth to him.**

**"Shin got severe stomach pain. So, she can't able to ride her horse in this situation. That's why I've advised her to stay at the palace"**

**“How was she now, Is she okay?”**

**"Yeah she was fine but, she worried about you. She wants to meet you. Unfortunately, she got a stomach ache."**

**“Okay, take care of her well. Ask her to eat well and sleep well”**

**The Wonhwa girls served food to everyone. Kim woo can't able to eat well after hearing about shin. He decided to go secretly to the palace t meet shin. He took his horse and he went to the palace.**

**He secretly went to shin’s room. He looked inside. Shin was crying there. He can’t able to saw her like this. He went inside.**

**"Shin Minaa”**

**She got happy to hear his voice. But she thought of this as her imagination.**

**“I think I got obsessed with this idiot, that’s why I’m having this type of illusions” talked to her.**

**"I think I'm also obsessed with you, that's why it makes me come for you this far" replied Kim.**

**“Kim are you here?” by asking this she found that he was standing behind her. She ran fast and hugged him tightly.**

**“Why are you here?”**

**"Your friend told me about the reason for your absence. I've worried about my wife. So, I've come for you"**

**He feeds food to her. He made her sleep in his laps. She slept well in his laps. He enjoyed seeing her sleeping in his laps.**

**The next day morning shin woke up and searched him. He was not there. Shin noticed a letter under her pillow. She took it and eagerly opened it.**

**"Good morning shin, hope you had a pleasant night yesterday. Are you feeling better now? Don't strain yourself. Go to training if you are feeling well. Don't skip breakfast. Take care, I'll meet you soon" written by Kim woo.**

**She was happy to see this. She finished her breakfast and went to the training ground.**

**"Don't you have your dinner yesterday? I came to see you yesterday, but you have slept"**

**“Yeah I’ve slept yesterday and I had my lunch”**

**"Who brings you the dinner?" because we all were not here."**

**"Kim Woo," said Shin min.**

**“Kim Woo? But he was there with us”**

**“No, he came here to saw me”**

**The empress heard Shin's conversation while crossing the place. She gets angry towards them because she gave such an important duty to Kim Woo's hands.**

**The empress was called Kim Woo and Shin min. Both of them went to the queen's council. They greeted the empress and asked the reason for inviting them to the council.**

**“Kim woo, I’ve given a big duty in your hands but you disobeyed my words yesterday”**

**“I’m sorry, your highness. I heard the news that she was sick, that's why I've come here yesterday"**

**“I don’t need any useless reasons. May no danger come to my people by your love. I’m ordering you guys to be apart until the war. You guys are not going to meet anymore until the end of the war” ordered the empress.**

**They apologize to the empress in front of the council. The soldiers bring Kim Woo to the place where they are staying. The Wonhwa's brings Shin min to the training ground.**

**They spent few days before the war without meeting and interacting. One day night Shin min started talking to the moon.**

**She imagined the moon as his man and started talking. She started crying and also she got angry with this war. She decided to train more to kill the enemies ruthlessly.**

**She went to the training ground and started training herself. A man rushed to the palace and fell in the entrance. He shouted.**

**“Your highness, the enemy kingdom was waiting in our kingdom’s border. They are trying to attack our kingdom secretly. Our soldiers in the border were defending them” said the man**

**"Tell all the soldiers and Wonhwas to prepare them. Make our people stay safe in the palace. Tomorrow is not just a day it’s our future” ordered the empress.**

**They prepared and left the palace. The next day the war was started. It's ruthless. So many people are killed by the enemy kingdom.**

**Kim woo got hurt in his right palm. He lost a lot of blood the wound was too deep. He tied his hand by Shin’s kerchief. He started fighting.**

**On the other hand, most of the soldiers from Sila were defeated by the enemy kingdom. The rest soldiers planned to save their queen's life. So, some of the soldiers bring the queen to the palace safely. The rest were still fighting with the enemies.**

**The Wonhwas give their efforts as much as they can. At last, they've defeated a lot of enemies. Tactically Kim woo attacked the king of the opposite kingdom from his back.**

**The king lost his life at the sport. Cowardly the soldiers of the opposite kingdom ran away from the war field. Sila’s soldiers started celebrating and they’ve started to go back to the kingdom.**

**At the war field, Kim Woo meets Shin min. Kim woo ran towards Shin min and hugged her. Suddenly Shin's eyes turned red. Blood was coming out from her mouth. Kim Woo figured out that an arrow was shot on Shin min's back.**

**The arrow fired at her was also stabbed in his stomach, because they are in the position of hugging. The arrow was from a soldier of the enemy kingdom. Kim woo got angry and he went to kill that guy but he can't. That guy escaped from that spot.**

**Kim woo shouted for help but no one was there. Everyone went back to the palace. Shin min fell backward. The arrow fired on her was gone deep and she is losing an excess of blood.**

**He called Kim Woo near her. He went near her and started crying deadly. Suddenly he fell. He too lost a lot of blood. Both of them were fighting for the last few minutes of their life.**

**“All the dreams of mine with you have vanished like a dream. I've dreamt to end my life as your wife in your laps. All those were gone now"**

**He made her lay in his laps. He started regretting and crying.**

**Shin min's life passed away from her. Kim tried to wake her up. After few seconds his life passed away too. His body fell. The love story of Kim Woo and Shin min were ended here.**

**At the palace, the Empress was asking about Kim woo and Shin. No one there knew about their death. The queen sent some people to look after them. They went and returned with the dead body of those lovebirds.**

**The queen’s eyes are started fluttering. She was in guilt. She thought their love will become a danger for the kingdom, but now their love saved the kingdom. The empress called the government poet to the council.**

**"Their love should take part in our kingdom's history. Write about their love story in our kingdoms history book "The Rise of Sila"**

**As per the queen's order, The love story of Kim Woo and Shin min were taken place in the history of Sila. The true love of Kim woo and shin min were taken place in the precious and prestigious history of Sila.**

**Aera closed the book. Her eyes are filled with tears. She kept the book safely inside her closet. The story behind the painting shook her feelings.**

**Bong cha entered the room. She sat near Aera and started talking. Suddenly she saw that Aera's eyes are red.**

**“What happened to your eyes? Did you cry?”**

**“I’ve read the book”**

**“Which book?”**

**"The Rise of Sila"**

**“Really, how do you got the book”**

**“I got the book from the museum. The curator uncle lends it to me. I’ve made a copy and returned the original book”**

**"Why do you cry?"**

**“The story of Kim woo and Shin min made me cry. I felt the true meaning of love after knowing their story”**

**“Where was the book? Do you finish reading it?”**

**"Yeah, I've finished the book. It's in my closet"**

**“I’m going out, do you wanna join?”**

**“Where are going?”**

**“I have a meeting with my online friend in the cafe”**

**"No, I don't want to come”**

**"Okay then, see you later" Bong cha left Aera at home.**

**The time was almost five. Aera didn't eat anything from the morning. She spent the whole day reading the book. She went to the kitchen to cook something for her. She made a veg sandwich for her. She sliced vegetables for the sandwich. She got cut in her fingers. She went to wash her hands. She saw her finger; suddenly she got a lot and lots of illusions.**

**She fell, her head started to pain. She started shouting. She screamed in pain. Dallia entered inside the house. She saw Aera shouting. She brings her to the doctor. The doctor checked her.**

**"Don't worry she was perfectly alright, nothing to worry about. Take all these medicines I’ve prescribed you” said the doctor.**

**“Okay, thank you doctor” replied Dallia.**

**They returned home. Bong cha still didn't return home. Dallia cooked for them and she fed food to Aera. This remains the story of Kim woo and Shin min to Aera because in the story Kim feeds food to shin min.**

**After finishing her dinner, Dallia made her rest in her bed. Aera asked Dallia to be with her until she fell asleep. As per her request Dallia stays near her.**

**Aera slept well, so Dallia went to her room. Bong cha arrived and talked to Dallia. Dallia said all the things that happened before. Bong cha was worried and she went to see her. Aera looked tired.**

**“All these are happening after the painting and the book," said Bong cha.**

**“Which book? What are you saying?” asked Dallia.**

**“She got a book from the museum curator; she was often talking about the painting and the book. I need her to be healthy, so I’m gonna sell this book to someone. If the book is not here, she’ll be fine” Said Bong cha.**

**"Don't do that, She'll be angry with you. We know very well that, she loves the book"**

**“No, I want her to be healthy. I’m going to do this” replied Bong cha.**

**She took the book with her and went to her room. The next day Aera woke up and searched the book, but it’s not there.**

**"Where is the book" shouted Aera.**

**"I don't know. Ask to Bong cha" replied Dallia.**

**"Bong Cha, where are you"**

**"She is not at home," said Dallia.**

**“Then where is she?”**

**"She woke up earlier and went out" replied Dallia.**

**Aera was angry with bong cha. She waited for Bong to return home. It’s getting late but she didn’t come home. Aera called her, but she is not answering. This makes her angrier.**

**After few hours Bong cha arrived. Aera started shouting at her. “Where is my book?” asked Aera.**

**“I’ve sold it”**

**“How do you do that without my permission?”**

**"Don't take this as a big issue. It's just a book. I got a lot of money by selling it” said Bong cha.**

**"Why do you do this to me? I'm personally attached to the book. Where did you sell it?"**

**“I’ve sold it in a shop near our school”**

**Aera rushed to the shop. She ran to the shop. She reached the shop. She opened the door. She was stunned by her view. The shop was filled with things oriented to Sila. She went inside and viewed each collection there. She enjoyed viewing it all.**

**“What do you want? How can I help you?”**

**“Did you collect all these things?” asked Aera.**

**“Yes, I’m obsessed with collecting things related to Sila”**

**"My friend sold a book here before few hours. I need my book back. I can pay heftily for that, please return it to me uncle"**

**"No, I don't return things"**

**“Please uncle I’m personally attached to this book. Give it back”**

**She was pleased a lot with him, so he decided to return the book to her.**

**“Here have this book”**

**"Thanks a lot, uncle. Do you know anything about Kim woo and shin min's story? I've read the whole book but I don't get fulfillment'**

**“I know an interesting flashback about them”**

**“If you don’t mind share that with me uncle”**

**"At the war field, Shin min and Kim woo struggled at the last minute of their life. At that time Kim Woo made Shin min lay on his lap. He did a promise to her that, he'll born again for her and he’ll come looking for her”**

**Aera stopped the shopkeeper and continued saying the promise “he also said he’ll prove his love to her. Am I right uncle?” after saying this so many memories flashed in her mind but this time she was not screaming in pain. She remained her past.**

**"How do you know this dear," asked the shopkeeper.**

**“How do you know this story uncle?”**

**"Twenty years back, I met a guy. He was about twenty-five years old. He came to my shop and was stunned to see all my collections. He told this story to me and he also said that he was searching for a girl"**

**“Where is now uncle?”**

**“I don’t know dear, that was the last day that I’ve met him”**

**“Uncle, how does he look? Tell some resemblance of him”**

**“He looked tired and lean. And also he looks like he didn’t eat anything for a long time”**

**“Uncle tell some unique resemblance”**

**"Sweetheart, he had a wound in his right palm. I've asked him about it him. He said it's his birthmark"**

**After hearing this Aera started thinking about the wound. She already saw a wound in someone’s hand. She saw a wound in the old man’s right palm. She saw that while she slaps him in the museum on her birthday.**

**She finally understood that the old man was her Kim woo. He came for her to keep his promise and also to prove his love. Aera felt guilty. She cried all over her way. She searched him all over the city.**

**She asked her friends to help her. Her friends started searching for the old man, but they couldn't able to find him. Aera went to her room. She shared everything with Bong cha and Dallia. They consoled her.**

**“Don’t worry Aera. Your true love will bring you to him” said Dallia.**

**“I’ve treated him like a shit, I’m ashamed of myself” cried Aera.**

**“No don’t blame yourself. We are all here for you, we’ll find him” said Bong cha.**

**They consoled Aera and made her sleep. The next day Aera and Aera’s friends started searching for the old man all over the city.**

**They didn’t get him. Aera lost her hope. She went to her room and closed the door. She started recalling all those incidents that happened with the old man.**

**She started recalling and related them to her past life. The day when Aera's mom slaps her in front of all at the park, the old man looked Aera's mom angrily for that. He didn't want to see her girl getting hurt.**

**At the party, he saw Aera shyly. It's because he didn't see her before in the party dress. Aera started to compare everything like this.**

**Again Aera started crying. She felt guilty about her behavior at the museum. Aera was worried about him. She doesn't even know what to do. She just blamed herself for everything and cried.**

**Days passed but they couldn't able to find the man. Aera's hope was lost. She stayed in her room for weeks. Bong cha and Dallia were worried about her.**

**Aera isn’t taking proper food and not sleeping well. This makes her eyes shrink and she looks like a patient in the hospital.**

**“Aera, what is this? Don’t be like this” said bong cha.**

**"We cannot able to see you in this condition Aera. It hurts" said Dallia.**

**“Just get fresh, go out. Go to the orphanage, you’ll get a pleasant mood with those kids” said bong cha.**

**"That's a good idea. I think I wanna go there" said Aera.**

**She woke up from her bed, she refreshed herself. She went to the orphanage. She brings snacks to them. This remains the childhood of her past life. A man brings snacks to Kim woo and other children in the past life.**

**Suddenly she remembered the museum and her painting. She went there. The weather was really good and the sky was pinkish.**

**She noticed that this weather was similar to that day when she slaps the old man on her birthday. And also this is the weather which is in the day when Kim Woo proposed to her in the past.**

**She rushed inside the museum and went near the painting. No one was there. She started crying in front of the painting. She felt the last few moments of her life at her past.**

**“Please come in front of me. I want to see you”**

**She cried a lot but he didn’t come there.**

**“Shin mina”**

**Aera turned eagerly. He called her. She turned and looked at his. She saw him and started crying. She apologized to him.**

**"Don't be sorry. I'm really happy today because I've fulfilled my promise today. Do you remember? I promised you that, I will born again and come for you also I'll prove my love to you. I've done that today"**

**“Yes, you did that. I wanna be with you Kim Woo. Let’s get married and live together”**

**“No shin, I’m just here to prove my love. I’m too elder than you. We can’t able to get married. Unfortunately in our second birth, I’ve born twenty years before you. Look t you now. You’re looking like my daughter. You have a beautiful life. Just go and marry some other guy and be happy”**

**"God made us born again to be together. I don't have any problem with your age. I'll only be happy with you. Don't say silly reasons. Let's get married and start our life together. Love doesn't have age restrictions"**

**“I’m sorry; I can’t able to start my life with you. Love doesn’t have age limits, but love needs life. I’m not alive now. You are just talking to my soul”**

**“Stop kidding” Aera touched his hands but she can’t able to feel him.**

**“I’ve died twenty years before. My birth reason is to prove my love towards you. That’s why I’m roaming this city as a soul. I came to know that, you’ve born twenty years after me. I’m following you from your birth. I can’t able to explain all these at your young age, so I’ve waited for the right time”**

**“Don’t lie. If you are dead, your appearance should be the same as it was when you died. Then why are you looking like an old man"**

**“If I were in the appearance when I died, I would only be visible to you. That’s why I came like an old man. This old figure is also mine. I’ll be like this now if I’m alive”**

**Aera can’t able to accept it. She started crying. She can’t able to see Kim woo as a soul. She was broken to the core. Suddenly Kim Woo started disappearing.**

**“Where are you going? Don’t leave me”**

**"I told you before; my birth reason is proving my love to you. I've done that, so I need to leave this world"**

**“Can’t we able to live together? Now I’m promising you, we will be born again and we’ll live together as we wish” said Aera.**

**Kim Woo's hands disappeared from Aera's hand. This time Aera didn't cry. She went to her room. She didn't share anything about him with her friends.**

**She avoided talking about this topic. Her friends understood and left this topic. After this Aera’s naughtiness was gone. She became silent and got herself reserved with things. She can’t able to forget him so, she lived with his memories.**

**Aera's school holidays were over. It's time to go o high school. She gets prepared for her school. On her way to school, Kim Woo and Aera both crossed each other.**

**As they passed each other, little by little their appearance changed. He changed as the soldier and she changed as the appearance of Wonhwa.**

**He looked back at her. She looked back at him. But he is not visible to her. She just felt that something was passed through.**

**She started walking. He was looking at her. After going a little farther, she disappeared from his sight. He smiled and turned into a little light and disappeared into the sky.**

**“I promise, my love for you will continue even after my death” – Kim Woo and Shin min.**