

Liebe von drei tausend Jahren

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Khephera is starting to understand life. Kay and Seto's boyfriend and girlfriend act is starting to feel like more than just an act. But there is a dark prescence watching them. Will Khephera be reunited with Seth? Will Kay tell Seto she loves him?

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1 - Ballet and a Concert

Kay sighed and collapsed into a chair in the living room. She was so tired. Today she had worked with Maria, Cat, Danielle, Jo,

and Kristen for the upcoming gig the band had. Kay needed to help them with her songs and some other songs she found and

she also needed to help them learn the dance moves she had worked out for them.

It had taken hours. Thank God tomorrow was Saturday so she could sleep in...for five minutes before taking Adelinda to ballet

classes. Aw man, what an overbooked life. And tomorrow she was babysitting Mokuba too and she needed to write more

songs.

Damn. Well, at least she'd get to see Seto. Although their relationship was fake, it made her happier. If she didn't think too much

about it, it felt like they really were a couple. Well, let her dream. Living in fantasy is more fun than indulging in reality.

With a yawn, Kay dozed off in her chair.

The next thing she knew, somebody was shaking her. Slowly, her eyes opened and she looked tiredly at Adelinda.

"Kay, get ready. It's almost time to go." With a groan of dismay, Kay got out of her chair and got ready in record time.

"Fera!" Kay yelled. Her "cousin" waltzed into the room.

"Yes?"

"...Khephera...why are you wearing a swimsuit and innertube?" Kay asked.

"I was reading a magazine on the latest fashions." Khephera held up a magazine that sold swimsuits and stuff for the pool and

beach.

"Um...there's a slight problem. You don't wear swimsuits like clothes, you wear them in the summer

when you go swimming.

And it's still winter."

"So...is that why this outfit feels really cold?" Khephera asked. Kay nodded.

"Addy-chan, give me a moment." Adleinda nodded. Kay took Khephera to her room and handed her a sweater and some

jeans. "Change into this. This is appropriate for winter when you're around the house." Khephera took the clothes and nodded.

"Got it."

"Good. Now, please don't leave the house and if anyone calls, do you remember how to answer the phone?"

"Yes. Pick it up and hold it to my ear and talk."

"Good. And if they ask for me, tell them to call my cell phone. Ok?"

"OK."

"Very nice. And if you get hungry, I beg you to PLEASE eat chips, crackers, or...anything that does require using the stove or

the microwave. And drinks are in the fridge. You think you got all that?"

"Yes."

"Ok. Adelinda and I should be back in about an hour and thirty minutes to two hours. I'll call to check up on you."

"I understand."

"Alright. Well, we're off." Kay waved and walked outside with Adelinda. It was March and spring was finally around the corner.

In only two more months it would be her sixteenth birthday. What was she gonna do? Well, she was getting a license for one

thing. Cabs were starting to get annoying.

Would she have a party? Maybe, maybe not. Well, there was still plenty of time to think about her birthday. Now she needed to

focus on getting Adelinda to her ballet class.

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Adelinda was such a beautiful ballerina. She was definitely the best in her class. Her focus was unwavering. Kay smiled as she watched her.

Suddenly, she felt her phone vibrating in her pocket. She stepped outside and answered.

"Hello?"

"Hey Kay."

"Hi Blair."

"Listen. Mai and I were thinking of going to the mall. Wanna come?"

"Sorry, I can't. I'm booked the whole day."

"Booked?"

"Yeah. Right now I'm with Adelinda at her dance class, later I need to babysit Mokuba and then I need to work with the band

for their upcoming gig."

"Wow, you really have a lot on your plate."

"Heh, you can say that again."

"Well, I'll talk to you later then."

"Yeah, later Blair."

"Ciao." Kay hung up her phone and sighed a bit.

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Kay tiredly stepped out of the cab and walked up to the mansion. The butler, George, opened the door for her. She walked in

and collapsed on the couch.

"Rough day, miss?" he asked. Kay nodded. She was used to the servants at the mansion treating her like she lived there. They

were all very nice to her and Adelinda.

"Very tiring. Would you mind bringing Adelinda and Khephera down for me, George? Or would it be a problem?"

"Of course no, Miss Simms. I shall fetch them."

"Thank you." He nodded and walked away. Kay closed her eyes and laid down.

"It looks like you had a busy afternoon." She looked up to see Seto smirking down at her.

"Actually it was a full day on the go."

"Aw, you poor thing." She stuck her tongue out at him. Seto sat next to her and she sat back up and leaned her head to his

shoulder, her eyes drooping sleepily. "Why don't you guys spend the night here?"

"We have to get up early tomorrow. I have to leave Adelinda and Khephera with Alex and go work with the band. They still

don't have all of the dance moves down and our gig is next weekend."

"So? You have everything you need here and we can drive you to your apartment."

"Seto..." Kay yawned. "You know what? I'm too tired to argue with you." Seto smirked.

"Fine with me."

"Aw, look at the lovebirds." Seto and Kay both sighed. They didn't even need to turn around to see who had spoken.

"Hello Mokuba."

"Looks like we're staying the night!" Adelinda said, grinning. Kay nodded a bit.

"Yes."

"C'mon Khephera, we'll show you to your room." Mokuba smiled and nodded. Khephera beamed.

"Great."

"You can borrow a T-shirt from me. I have some extra large shirts here." Adelinda, Mokuba, and

Khephera all disappeared up

the stairs. Seto looked at Kay.

"Aren't you going with them?" he asked.

"Seto, the only way you can get me up those stairs and into my bedroom is if you carry me." He shrugged.

"Ok." She shrieked when Seto picked her bridal style. Her arms wound around his neck.

"I guess it's too late to tell you I was joking." He smirked a little and carried her upstairs.

"I'm just making sure my acting skills improve for our relationship, dear." Kay laughed.

"You deserve an A plus, hon."

"And I am also prepared in case we have to fake a wedding."

"I highly doubt it will go that far."

"You never know." He took her to her room and dropped her on the bed. She giggled.

"Yeah, we might fall madly in love, get married, have lots of little children, and grow old together." She struck a dramatic pose. "Sounds so rural."

"You snob."

"Me?" she squeaked innocently.

"Yes you."

"You antisocial emo." **(LOL! XD My friends all call Seto an emo. Guess it's our joke)**

"Hey, that's not nice." Kay smiled.

"Ya know I love you."

"Unfortunately." She punched him in the arm. "Ow! Relax, I'm kidding."

"I know."

"And you still hit me. God, you're abusive."

"I feel bad for whoever I marry."

"That goes double for me."

*I count the steps that you take
Do you see how much I need you right now?*

*When you're gone
The pieces of my heart are missing you
When you're gone
The face I came to know is missing too
When you're gone
All the words I need to hear to always get me through the day
And make it OK
I miss you*

*I've never felt this way before
Everything that I do
Reminds me of you
And the clothes you left
they lie on my floor
And they smell just like you
I love the things that you do*

*When you walk away
I count the steps that you take
Do you see how much I need you right now?*

*When you're gone
The pieces of my heart are missing you
When you're gone
The face I came to know is missing too
And when you're gone
The words I need to hear to always get me through the day
And make it OK
I miss you*

*We were made for each other
Out here forever
I know we were
Yeah Yeah*

*All I ever wanted was for you to know
Everything I do I give my heart and soul
I can hardly breathe, I need to feel you here with me
Yeah*

*When you're gone
The pieces of my heart are missing you
When you're gone
The face I came to know is missing too*

*When you're gone
The words I need to hear will always get me through the day
And make it OK
I miss you"*

The audience at the night club clapped. Cat, Maria, Kristen, Danielle, and Jo bowed. Cat, Maria, and Danielle were the singers, Kristen and Jo were the dancers. Kay sat at a table and clapped. Now, only one more song to go.

"Thank you, thank you. Our last song was written by our manager, Miss Kay." Cat pointed at Kay who blushed and waved a bit at the applauding crowd. "It's called 'Beautiful Nightmare.'" The music started up.

*"I feel your presence in the night,
sinking into all the shadows.
Lying here in my bed,
unable to fall into a dreamless sleep.*

*The threat of you is growing,
God please accept my sin.
Spinning in a whirlpool of darkness,
all of my chaos locked within.*

*When you watch me with your eyes,
they haunt me in my sleep.
Your soft heartbeat pounding in my ears,
drumming against my hollow soul.
You fill my dreams in the night,
and catch my eye throughout the day.
You're my beautiful nightmare,
the one who haunts my dreams.*

*No matter where I seem to be,
I turn around and you are there.
You're all I see, you're all I breathe,
I swear to God, you're everywhere.*

*Lord I hate all of this,
but somehow I love it all.
It's you, the thing that makes me sin,
you won't make me fall.*

*When you watch me with your eyes,
they haunt me in my sleep.
Your soft heartbeat pounding in my ears,
drumming against my hollow soul.
You fill my dreams in the night,*

*and catch my eye throughout the day.
You're my beautiful nightmare,
the one who haunts my dreams.*

*You love me,
you fear me.
You'll drag me down,
and help me stand.*

*Save my soul,
let me go.
I'll fall into the sea,
my life will drift away."*

And electric guitar solo started. The audience cheered and danced to it.

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they haunt me in my sleep.
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The audience clapped wildly and they all bowed.

"Thank you very much!" Maria said. "We hope you enjoyed the show, good night everyone!"

After a while, the place was less packed and the girls walked up to Kay.

"Well?" they all asked.

"Good job...but did you have to point me out, Cat?" she asked, slightly annoyed.

"Sorry, I never thought YOU'D be shy."

"I have my moments. Well, very successful first night."

"YES!"

"But don't get cocky! You guys stumbled on your dance steps, I saw you. Luckily nobody else seemed to notice. If you want to get better gigs you need to learn to master those steps in a short time." Jo rolled her eyes briefly.

"Kay, you're too serious."

"That may be, but if none of you will be serious, who else will?"

"You got me there."

"Now, I'm going to discuss you guys working here as performers with the manager."

"YAY!"

"Don't get your hopes up too high. Y'all go home and get some rest, I'll take care of it all."

"Ok, bye Kay."

"Bye."

2 - So frigid CLOSE!!!

Kay trudged into Kaiba Mansion. It's been another week. And once again a busy day. Seto was home early from work and he looked up from his book to see her.

"You know, you being so tired taks away from your appeal." She rolled her eyes briefly.

"I honestly care nothing about appeal right now." He chuckled.

"So you staying the night here again?"

"Only if you're ok with it."

"Kay, I'm so used to you guys being here it's as if you live here. You don't need to ask to stay over."

"I feel so loved."

"Heh, I'm sure." She sat next to him and laced her arms around him in a very loose hug.

"How can I ever repay you, darling?" she asked, smirking.

"Don't worry about it." Kay smirked and lightly kissed him on the ear then nuzzled his neck.

"You sure?" she asked. He tried not to blush. She had never done something like this before.

"Positive." She pulled back and pouted.

"Aw, I wanted you to blush." He blinked.

"Why?" She got up and started walking towards the stairs.

"You're really cute when you blush." She smiled at him. "And I'm not just saying that." And with that, she went up the stairs to shower and change. And when she was gone, Seto felt his face heat up a bit.

She had a way of getting to him...but...for once, this did not bother him.

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It was a day of school. And Kay was happy because she had nothing planned for this afternoon...except...a DATE. With Seto. Minako had complained they never dated and Seto actually asked her out to dinner.

And it had her in a wonderful mood. Finally, some one on one time with him. No worries about the interruptions of their jobs, friends, or any fangirls of his. Just him and her.

The end of the day FINALLY came.

Kay ran to her locker. She rushed to put her bookss away and then blinked. "AGH! My spiral!" she cried. "I must have left it in my last class. Aww man."

"What's wrong?" She turned to see Seto giving her a confused look.

"I left my History Spiral in class and I need it for the homework."

"Well let's go and get it." She smiled.

"Ok." so they checked in her last class but it wasn't there.

"Did you leave it in History?"

"Maybe. If so, it might have been turned itno lost and foudn."

"Well, let's check the classroom." Kay nodded. They walked off to the room and opened the door. It was really dark and Kay runed on the light. The next sight made her jaw drop and Seto's jaw drop too. Blair was sitting on Malik's lap and they were completely making out.

"Oh...my..." Blair and Malik immediately pulled apart. Blair blushed when she saw them.

"Um...h-hi you two. W-what are you doing here?"

"Well...besides getting scarred, I'm getting my spiral." Malik cleared his throat.

"Y-yes, here." He pushed a blue spiral to the corner of his desk. Kay snatched it quickly and almost ran back to Seto.

"Um...we'll keep this a secret but PLEASE lock the door next time." Malik nodded.

"Can do." Kay turned otu the light and went into the hall with Seto, he face red.

"That...was awkward..." Seto said, clearing his throat. Kay nodded.

"Yes...yes it was."

"Well...um...we should-"

"Leave?"

"Yeah."

"Right." They walked away. Kay suddenly grabbed Seto's hand and said through gritted teeth, "Minako dead ahead." He nodded slightly and laced his fingers with hers.

"Well well, what have we here?" Minako sneered. "So, the big date, huh?" she asked.

"That's right." Kay smiled. "We're looking forward to it, I didn't realize you were too." Minako smirked.

"Me and my bf are going out tonight too."

"You have a bf? I thought you broke up with that oen guy recently."

"I found someone BETTER."

"Oh, well I hope you enjoy your evening." Kay smiled sweetly and walked off with Seto. "See you late, Minako!" she called over her shoulder and snickered at the expected glare and apple green face.

"You love provoking her."

"Yes, I do." Seto smirked and leaned down to kiss her.

"So do I." Kay laughed a little and her face turned a pale pink. One thing she loved Minako for was she was the reason Seto kissed her.

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"OH! Your first date with Kaiba!" Alex squealed.

"We have to make you look gorgeous!!!" Cat exclaimed.

"Yes." Jackie smiled. "Now, you are totally wearing something sexy but not too revealing."

"How about this?" Alex asked, holding up a silk might night blue dress. It was strapless and goes to to the knees and foolows the body's curves faithfully. Kay felt herself blushing.

"I've never even worn that. And don't you think it's a bit much?"

"Kay, Kaiba said it would be formal. And you need to be HOT for him." Her face only turned redder. Adelidna walked in.

"Kay-chan, c'mon. Mr. Kaiba wants a pretty date. You need to go the extra mile."

"FINE! I'll wear it."

"And THESE shoes." Alex held up a pair of midnight blue, one and half inch heels. They were strappy and very nice.

"Ok, fine." Kay went into her bathroom and put on the dress and put a robe on over it.

Alex curled her hair into silky ringlets while Jackie and Cat worked on her make up and accessories.

Soon, she was completed and looked beautiful. Her long lashes were fanned out and kissed with black mascara. Her lips were rose and, as Alex put it, begging for him to kiss her. Kay just smiled a bit.

A crimson blush colored her cheeks and silver eye shadow completed her face. Her hair was in an elegant bun. Every curl was pinned up with a diamond pin. A glittering necklace graced her neck and a matching bracelet was on her wrist.

Kay put on her earring and the shoes then slowly took off the robe. Before walking out to show everyone, she looked in a mirror. Wow....she actually looked beautiful. Now she only hopes Seto would think so.

"OH MY GOD!" Alex, Cat, Jackie, and Adeliinda squealed when they saw her. They showered her with compliments, all which made her blush more.

"Do you really like it?" she asked softly.

"We love it! And Kaiba will too!!" Cat cried. Jackie nodded.

"He won't be able to take his eyes off of you." Suddenly, the phone rang. Adelinda picked it up.

"Hello? ...yes, she's ready. We'll send her down. Bye!" She hung up. "Kay, your boyfriend is waiting for you." Kay blushed more.

"O-okay."

"and DON'T wear a jacket. If it's cold, Kaiba needs to put his arm around you." Kay was bright red at this point. And she was shoed out of the apartment and down the stairs, right into Seto.

He stared at her and Kay stared back. He was in a black suit and looked SEXY. Alex giggled.

"Well well, we'll see you lovebirds, later." The three girls dashed up the stairs. Kay and Seto were still quiet.

"Um..." Kay said softly, feeling very shy and self conscious. Seto lightly touched her jaw and tilted her face up to meet his eyes.

"You look amazing, Kay." She smiled a bit, and blushed for about the zillionth time that night.

"Alex, Jackie, and Cat gave me a make over."

"Remind me to thank them later." He leaned down and, for the second time that day, pressed her lips against hers. She assumed he saw the girls still watching them and so she closed her eyes and kissed him back. It lasted quite a bit longer than the one they had shared this afternoon.

He pulled away and she felt her heart pounding in her chest. His kisses left her mind numb.

"Well, let's get going." Kay only nodded, still recovering.

"Y-yes." He led her out to his limo and they slid in. Roland drove off. Kay finally fully regained her ability to think clearly and looked out the window. The city lights were beautiful.

"Enjoying the window?" Seto asked, smirking. She looked at him.

"Ah, I'm sorry. I'm not paying attention to you or how sexy you look." She smirked back at him.

"Man, you've almost mastered my smirk."

"Yes, I know." He scowled just a little. "So...good show you put on for my friends." He almost asked "what show?"

"Thank you. I've been practicing."

"With an orange?"

"No, a pillow." She laughed, unable to help it.

"The more time you spend with me, the more you gain a sense of humor."

"Yes, how can I not catch it from a crazy girl like you."

"Just admit you love me." She leaned her head to his shoulder. *"I wish I could admit it..."*

They finally got to the restaurant. It was Italian and beautiful as well as fancy. Kay and Seto sat in a private section. There was nobody around.

"Don't tell me you rented this entire place out for tonight."

"What if I did?"

"Seto Kaiba, even though this is all pretend, you have to be the most romantic man I've ever met."

"Thank you." They sat down, ordered food that we don't care about...yet.

"You know, this is the first time we've been alone without worrying about someone popping in out of the blue."

"I know."

"So...why not tell me more about you, Seto."

"What do you want to know?"

"Your interests, your dreams. All I really know is that you're the CEO of a famous gaming company who has a wall of ice built around his heart, but you're actually a nice guy. You liked duel monsters, blue, and that's really about it...oh yeah, and gravity defying trench coats." He smiled a bit.

"and what about you, my dear?" he asked.

"What about me?"

"I feel like I don't know much about you either. And I want to see what those wide green eyes of yours hide."

"Just like I want to see what those clouded blue eyes hide."

"Ok, ask me something."

"What is your heart's greatest desire. What is something you want more than anything in the world, something nobody else or very few people know that you want."

"You swear not to tell?"

"Cross my heart."

"...I want...I want to find someone to complete my life. Get married to a girl who truly loves me. Not for my money, not because she thinks I look good, not for fame. Because she loves me. Mokuba...I feel like he needs a mother type figure in his life. I mean, now he has..."

"...he has what?"

"Well, you. He loves you, Kay. You're like family to us. But I know you won't be around forever, correct?" She looked at her hands in her lap.

"...I won't lie. I'm planning on attending a college in Germany. I'm applying next fall. I am going to take over Industrial Illusions. College will take four years then I might have to move to Florida."

"See?" Seto sighed.

"W-well, I don't really need to go to college. I'm inheriting Industrial Illusions one way or another. But I was going to have a degree in teaching."

"Kay, I can't depend on you. It's not your responsibility."

"Seto..." she said softly. "I love Mokuba like my own brother. And...I really care about you too. If you two really needed me, I'd turn down Harvard." **(Did I spell that right? O_o)**

"I'd never let you refuse college for us. We're getting along ok. But...I always wonder if he'd be happier if

someone else would always be there. Someone he liked. Not just some nanny I hire." Kay felt her heart drop a bit. She had never known Seto thought about these things. She took his hand in her own and gave him a small smile.

"No matter where I am in the world, I will always be there for both of you and I'll fly back here if I need to. Mokuba may not have a mother, but he has me and always will. I promise." Seto knew she meant it.

To think, he thought she was just another nanny. Wrong. She was just as personally involved as he was. Her heart was in this, and whether she knew it or not, so was his.

When he had told her his heartfelt wish, he'd left out one detail: her. He loved her and wanted her to love him back.

Kay was so different from him. She was a ray of sunshine and he was a dark, gloomy shadow. And she seemed to have cracked through the walls of the barrier around his heart and found a place for herself.

She lit up his life. She made him happy, whether he showed it or not. and to be with her brought a type of peace to him. But all good things must end. And next year, she would be gone to another continent halfway around the world.

And he would never reveal how he felt. It would only end badly for him. And for her.

What if, by some miracle, she loved him back? She might throw away her dreams and stay here. And how could he keep someone like her happy?

"Seto?" she said. He looked at her and did something completely unexpected. They were completely alone, nobody to watch them, nobody to prove anything to, and he kissed her again. REALLY kissed her.

Slowly, she let her eyes close and she returned the kiss. This was the first time she truly got the chance to enjoy it. She did not think about who was watching to see if they really liked each other. All she thought about was him.

But...why? Why was he doing it? She knew it should no tmatter, but it did. Did something in his mind snap and he did it. What?

He pulled away and they were still close, only inches apart.

"I...I'm sorry about that. I don't know what happene-" Before he finished the sentence, she took a chance and leaned forward to reclaim his mouth. Both of them finally stopped thinking.

"Um...excuse me?" they broke apart and loekd up at the waiter who was msiling awkwrldly at them. "Your food is here."

"Ah...yes. Thank you." He set down the food and walked off. Seto and Kay ate silently. Their hearts were pounding like drums in their ears and they were amazed they were able the swallow their dinner.

"Oh my GOD, what did I do? I just leaned in there and I...oh but wow..." Kay's thoughts said. Her little voice was scolding her. But...she had definitely felt something in those kisses. And she couldn't be alone in that.

Oh MAN, I'm such a God-forsaken IDIOT! I mean, I just suddenly grabbed her. She probably thinks I'm a freak! This relationship is all fake. And nobody's around." But then there was the fact that she had kissed him. And...oh man, this was confusing.

"I'm sorry." seto looked up at her. "I just...I got caught in the moment."

"Y-yeah, it's ok."

"Same happened to you?" she asked. Seto nodded.

"My mistake."

"It's alright. It's our little secret." He smiled and nodded.

"Ok, now it's my turn to ask question."

"Go."

"Same question you asked me."

"That's lacking creativity." He shrugged. "Well...I want to..." She looked at him. "I want the man I love to love me back. That's my heart's desire."

"Mmm, I see."

"Care for me to describe him to you? If you can guess who it is you get a prize."

"Ok, go for it."

"Five words that have something to do with him: cloudy, blue, ice, crystal, heart." Seto blinked.

"Ok, I have no idea."

"You have until I go to college to guess. And if you can't guess, I'll tell you."

"Deal."

Well, Kay got to know Seto more and Seto got to know her more. We don't care much about their interests, right? Right.

They finished dinner, swallowed a couple of peppermints and chocolate to get rid of any garlic breath, and left.

"Hey, want to go for a walk?" Seto asked.

"Sure." They walked through the city and then they went to the pier. It was dark and quiet and peaceful. They walked far down the boardwalk. The salty ocean wind blew. Kay shivered a bit.

"Darn it..."

"What's wrong?"

"Alex didn't let me put on a jacket." Seto put his arm around her.

"Better?" She nodded. They came to the end. The view was beautiful. All of the stars and the moon were reflected in the dark water. They could hear some of the city sounds. The closest was soft music coming from a club. "Would you like to dance, ma'am?" Seto asked gallantly. Kay giggled.

"I would love to." Seto put his hands on her waist and she put her hands on his shoulders. He led her to the slow beat.

"So, how was our first date?" he asked.

"Amazing. And it'll make Minako and jealous mess."

"Heh. And you can brag that we kissed four times."

"I know, amazing." He smirked. They were quiet. "...Seto?"

"Yes?"

"C-can I tell you something?"

"Of course."

"Promise me you won't laugh or hate me?"

"Trust me, I can never hate you. You've grown on me." She looked into his eyes.

"W-well, the truth is...I...I I-"

"Ooh, well isn't THIS romantic?" a voice sneered. It was familiar. But it was not Minako. Kay felt her heart drop.

"No..." she whispered.

And...CLIFFIE! OMG! *Hugs chappie* So much love, so much love. I'm so happy. I hope you guys liked it.

3 - A Frightening Blast from the Past

A man stood there, smirking evilly at the two. He had dark hair that was graying a little and even darker eyes that glistened maliciously. Kay clung tightly to Seto and he felt her trembling.

"How did you find me?!" she cried.

"I've been following you for quite a while. My you've gotten pretty. Almsot as pretty as your mother-"

"Don't you DARE talk about my mom." He snickered.

"It seems you've forgotten your place." And, to Seto's horror and rage, the man smacked her and she fell over.

"What in the hell do you think you're doing?" Seto yelled.

"Seto!" Kay jumped to her feet and held him back before he could strike the man who snickered.

"Well, now I know who you-"

"Don't say anthing else, dad."

"DAD?!" Seto said. "HE'S your father?!" She swallowed painfully and nodded.

"You'd better to believe it. And this little wench ran away from me. And then she had the nerve to take back my other daughter." James (if I never said it before, that's her father's name) grabbed Kay's hair before Seto could do anything and jerked her to him. "I think I should give you another attitude adjustment. It seems the one you got when you were little weren't enough." She whimpered and was too afraid to move. James gave a nasty smirk.

This did it, Seto punched him. In shock, he released her and stumbled back. A little blood ran down his face.

"SO, you think you can save her?" he snarled, looking up at Seto. "Don't fool yourself, kid. She'll never escape from me. Look at her, she won't fight me. I know her weaknesses and I'll get her and her sister."

"No!" Kay cried.

"Just like I got Liz and Tina (Kay's mom and othe rsister)."

"STOP!" she cried, sinking to her knees and covering her ears. "Please stop!" she begged.

"Kay!" Seto said and James took this oppertunity to strike Seto so he slammed into the railing of the pier.

"SETO!"

"Heh, you might not want to see him anymore. I might go after him." She looked up at him fearfully. "Don't fight it, girl. You know, one way or another, I'm gonna get you. Even if I have to kill your boyfriend to-"

"NEVER!" She stood up and smacked him. He stumbled back slightly and stared at her, in shock. She was surprised to but didn't show it. "Don't you lay one hand on Seto, you monster!" James looked from her, to Seto, to her, to Seto, then back at her. Then, the evil smirk returned.

"I get it now...you love him." She gulped. He snickered cruelly. "You don't want me to hurt him because you love him." He backed her against the railing. There was nowhere to go. He licked his dried lips a bit and leaned close to her ear. "You have a new weakness, don't you? Now I know where it hurts you the most. Unless you-"

James was suddenly pulled off of her by, you guessed it, Seto. He growled and reached into his jacket and pulled out a gun and aimed it at Seto's heart.

"Not so tough, are you?" Kay, having been pushed aside, looked around frantically and found a small bit of wood. She crept behind James and smacked his arm up to the sky so the bullet flew up. Seto kneed him in the gut and pushed him so hard that part of the railing shattered and James flew into the dark ocean water.

He surfaced and glared up at them.

"Fine, you win this time. But mark my words, Kay, you will be mine. You can run to the ends of the Earth but I will find you." Seto put a protective arm around her and they ran. Soon, they were safe in the limo but she clung to him.

"Seto, I can't do this anymore. He's everywhere! And now he knows about you."

"I don't give a crap, Kay. He's not getting a hold of you. If he wants you he's prying you from me cold, dead-"

"Don't say that!" she shrieked. "He will kill you if he has to. Please don't get involved. We can't be friends anymore. He'll hurt you!"

"Damn it, Kay. If I was worried about myself don't you think I would have ignored this a long time ago?"

"Seto, you-"

"KAY! I'm not letting that bastard come between us...um...us as in, our friendship." She nodded.

"Yes, yes. I knew that."

"So in other words, you are not getting rid of me that easily." Kay looked at her hands in her lap. She bit her lip and shut her eyes. He looked at her. "K-"

She threw her arms around him and hugged him tightly. "Thank you so much, Seto. I don't know what I'd do without you."

"The feeling's mutual..." he thought distantly.

"Um, Miss Simms?" She looked up. "We're at your apartment."

"Oh, ok." She slid out of the limo and was surprised that Seto followed her.

"sorry, but I don't trust leaving you alone anymore." She smiled a bit and he led her into the building. She stared at the mirror in the lobby.

"aw man, Alex worked so hard on my hair and it's totally ruined." She was right. Almost all of the bun had come out and her long, curly tresses were freed. She felt Seto's hand lightly play with some of the locks.

"Don't feel bad." He pulled out the remaining pins and placed them in her hand. "It looks beautiful left down too." He pulled some stray strands from her face. She simply watched his hand. It moves to the nape of her neck and her eyes moved to meet his.

"Umm...shouldn't we..." She tried to think, but her mind was out there.

"Head home?" he finished gently. she nodded.

"Yeah."

"You're right."

"Thanks for the date. It was really nice until...you know."

"I agree. We should do it again. Keeps Minako off our backs."

"You bet it does." She smiled. He felt relieved to see her beaming. She was at her prettiest when she smiled. "Well, good night, Seto."

"Good night." He lightly kissed her on the cheek and walked out of the building. Kay walked into her apartment and could still feel his kisses on her lips and she sighed dreamily.

Suddenly, the phone rang. She answered.

"Hello?"

"Good evening Miss Simms, this is Ishizu. I apologize for calling so late, but could you and Khephera pay a visit to the museum tomorrow afternoon?"

"Um, sure Miss Ishtar."

"Good. Have a nice evening." The line died. Kay blinked and hung up the phone.

4 - The Story Behind Khephera

Kay and Khephera walked up the long steps to the museum and went to the room containing the stone tablets.

"Seth!" Khephera exclaimed when she saw the tablet of the Pharaoh dueling Priest Seth. Kay nodded.

"Yeah."

"Wow...I've never seen these carvings before."

"Khephera, you never told me much about your life in Egypt."

"Well...I was a Priestess. I was destined to guard the hidden Millennium Item."

"What? There's a hidden item?" Kay asked. Khephera nodded.

"see, there are seven known items. The millennium puzzle, ring, tauk, ankh, scale, rod, and eye. But the one I guard is a powerful and mysterious object that lets the bearer travel through time, not view it."

"Is that how you got here?" Kay asked. Khephera nodded.

"It's the Millennium Hourglass. Stupid name, but it's a very colorful relic. If you touch the object while it is turned upside down and the sand is running, you'll randomly be transported through time. In Egypt, you can only move forward. If I used it here, I could go further into the future or back in time. Nobody dared test it."

"Then why did you?"

"I didn't. A thief was trying to steal it and it got knocked over and we both tried to grab it and then we were sent on a time voyage."

"Holy cow." Khephera nodded. "so, wait, does that mean you can never get home?"

"There might be a way, but I'm afraid I do not know what it is."

"Aw man..."

"Yeah."

"Well, tell me more about you and what else you did."

"Ok. I grew up in the palace. I was a spallcaster. My family has had a secret line of magic. We never told anyone because we were afraid we'd get taken away. But they discovered me and took me to the palace

when I was four. I have never seen my family again."

"What?! But that's terrible." Khephera shrugged.

"At first I was really scared, but then I met Mana. She was so nice to me. We became friends instantly and grew up learning magic together. I learned faster than her and they soon chose me to become a priestess.

"I didn't see Mana as much and it got pretty lonely. Isis was the only other female priestess and she was really quiet most of the time. The other priests pretty much ignored me."

"Even Seth?"

"At first. But when I turned fourteen, I met a strange girl with long blue hair and blue eyes. Her name was Kisara. She was often abused by the townpeople because she was so different. I helped her escape a mob and she became my second friend. But because she often left for the desert, I only saw her occasionally. Whenever she came I'd steal water and food for her.

"She was such a kind and forgiving girl. It made me sad when I thought about how people treated her." Khephera sighed. "But...then she met Seth. He loved her."

"Really? I thought he loved you." Khephera laughed a little.

"Well, first he fell in love with Kisara. And she loved him back. But they never admitted it. And then..." Khephera's face fell. "Kisara was murdered. And since that day, it was like a dark cloud covered Seth's heart. He was always dead quiet unless he was required to speak. I was different too. I almost never laughed anymore and smiled less than usual. Mana was worried and so was Luna-

"Cat's past life?"

"How did you know that?"

"I just sort of knew."

"Oh, ok. Both were worried. I was constantly grieving for Kisara. She died too young and did not deserve it. And...in truth, she did it for Seth." Tears ran down Khephera's face. "She died for love..."

"Aw, Khephera." Kay hugged her. They were quiet for a while and then Khephera pushed back and continued.

"Seth and I...I was afraid to talk to him. Because, the truth was, I loved him. I had loved him since I was young. He was always so brave and important and I felt inferior. But he was nice. And I never told anyone how I felt because I thought Kisara deserved him more than me. And when she died it only hurt me more. I felt so selfish because I still loved Seth. How can I even consider loving someone my departed friend loved?"

"Well...Seth was slowly healing but I wasn't. I ran whenever he approached me for

over a year. I started to fear people in general. So I'd hide during the day and come out at night. But...then he found me in the garden on the night of the full moon and asked me why I kept running away."

"So what did you say?"

"I told him...I never wanted to see him again. I said it hurt. And he did not seem to understand. And I was starting to cry so I tried to run away again, but he wouldn't let me. Instead, he made me look into his eyes and told me to tell him the truth. And I...I said I loved him."

"You did? That's actually really romantic." Khephera laughed weakly and nodded.

"I guess it was. I told him about how I've always loved him and about how I felt him and Kisara should be together and how guilty I felt because I still loved him even though Kisara was dead. And...he said nothing."

"What in the heck?! He said NOTHING after you spilled your heart out?" Kay shrieked. Khephera gave a small smile.

"He kissed me. That was his way of saying he felt the same way." Kay squealed.

"That is SO romantic." Khephera laughed again.

"Yes. And he proposed to me. But then that time incident."

"Stupid Millennium Hourglass..." Kay muttered.

"Ah good, you two are here."

5 - A Failed Wedding and Two Shocked Teens

They turned to see Ishizu walking over to them.

"Good day, Miss Ishtar."

"Good day to you Miss Simms, Miss Khephera."

"Um...good day."

"Alright, Ishizu," a familiar and slightly impatient malke voice demanded.

"Seto?" Kay asked. He stopped when he saw her.

"Kay?"

"what are you doing here?" they both asked at the same time.

"I invited you three for a reason. Miss Khephera was unable to tell you the entire story."

"I wasn't?" Khephera asked. Ishizu shook her head.

"You see, Seth proposed to you. So, in other words, Kaiba proposed to you, Miss Simms."

"WHAT?!" they yelled.

"I'm too young to get married!!" Kay cried.

"Me too!!" Seto yelled.

"How old were you when Seth proposed?" Kay asked Khephera.

"Um...I think I was your age." Kay's jaw dropped.

"I am NOT getting married!"

"Calm down you two, I never said you were. I am just saying that's basically the story."

"You were hinting at something, weren't you?" Kay asked through gritted teeth. Ishizu sighed slightly.

"No, I wasn't. Let's move on before you kill me."

"Smart!" Kay and Seto both said.

"Well, Khephera and Seth were engaged for quite a few months. Their wedding was planned. But...Khephera's family interfered."

"What do you mean?" Khephera and Kay asked.

"They found you and tried to get you to leave, but you said no. You told them you loved Seth. And your father grew angry. He tried to kill Seth to make you leave." Ksy's eyes widened and she backed.

"I'm suddenly very scared." Khephera blinked then it clicked.

"Oh my Ra, YOU'RE dad." Kay nodded. Seto put an arm around her.

"Relax, just don't believe in all this destiny crus." He glared at Ishizu. "You're filling her head with nonsense and freaking her out, Ishtar."

"My apologies Miss Simms. Well, Khephera was killed by her father instead." Khephera's eyes widened. Kay immediately went and hugged her.

"Aw Fera."

"I don't believe it...Seth-"

"Both of his girlfriends die. My God, that poor man." Khephera nodded.

"You took the words right out of my mouth."

"That is why you're here, Khephera."

"Say what?" Kay and Khephera asked.

"You are here to learn of what happens and change your fate."

"But...how? I don't even know how to get back to Ancient Egypt."

"There is a tomb in Egypt where you guarded the Millennium Hourglass. Seth awaits you there. His spirit will return you home. However, you need one other thing."

"What's that? The millennium hourglass?" Khephera asked. Ishizu shook her head.

"The millennium hourglass was destroyed. Seth will take you back in time. You need Miss Simms and Mr. Kaiba to accompany you." They both blinked.

"Um, sure I guess. But why?"

"You will see for yourself when you get there."

"Um, Seto? Up for a trip to Egypt?" Kay asked.

"...I...guess?"

"When you fly to Cairo, Odion will be your guide."

"Ok."

"Good luck on your journey." Ishizu walked away.

"Wow...just when I thought she could not be crazier..." Seto shook his head.

"So...when do we leave?" Khephera asked.

I know, another short chappie. But I hope you liked it anyway. I'm starting to get more to the point so...yeah. Next they go to Egypt, what will they discover? Tune in next time and find out.

6 - Reunited

The plane landed and the five got off and walked into the cool airport. Seto, Kay, Mokuba, Adelinda, and Khephera walked around until they saw a familiar Egyptian wearing violet and black clothing with his black hair in the a ponytail, tattoos on one side of his face, and most of his head shaved.

"Odion!" Kay exclaimed. He smiled when he saw her.

"It's nice to see you again, Miss Simms."

"Nice to see you too. I see Marik isn't here." A younger man with sandy blonde hair, tanned skin, and violet eyes crept up behind her and covered her eyes.

"Guess again!"

"Marik, let go of me or I'll hurt you." He did so and she hugged them both.

"How do you KNOW these weirdos?" Seto asked. Kay looked surprised.

"Know them? I spent a year here with them. They're my friends."

"Ya gotta problem with that, Kaiba?" Marik asked.

"She's like our sister." Odion and Marik hugged her protectively.

"Marik! Will you give me a piggy back ride?" Adelinda asked.

"Sure, kiddo." He picked her up on his back and she squealed happily. Mokuba got just a little jealous. Imagine how mad Kaiba got when Odion picked up Kay.

"Wow, you can still carry me?" Kay asked. Odion chuckled.

"You're a lot lighter then Marik."

"Shut up!" Marik snapped. >_< Kay laughed. Seto was fuming slightly and Mokub ahad an annoyed look. Khephera walked next to Odion. They got to the hotel they were staying at and dropped of their luggage. Kay and Adelinda and Khephera shared a room and Seto shared a room with Mokuba.

"Are we going to the tomb today?" Kay asked. Odion nodded.

"However, the younger people will have to stay here with Marik."

"What?" Adelinda cried.

"Come on!" Mokuba protested.

"The journey is very dangerous."

"Adelinda, do as you're told." She pouted but nodded. Seto just gave Mokuba a look and he already knew to obey. Khephera hugged them both, not knowing she might not see them again.

"Let us go." They followed Odion to a small car. He drove it. Khephera sat next to him and Kay sat with Seto in the back.

After about an hour of driving through the desert, they came to some crumbling ruins. The yellowish rock was cracked and worn from the desert sands. Part of pillars were collapsed and partially concealed.

"Follow me." They entered the ruins and Odion lit a torch and descended into the darkness. Khephera and Kay followed him, hooked at the elbows like two young children. Seto followed at Kay's side.

The halls were long and confusing, like a maze. Hieroglyphics were carved into the stone, telling stories, bearing curses, and more. Scarebeetles occasionally were spotted crawling on the walls and there were a few skeletons, much to their disgust.

The air grew musty. Breathing was getting a little harder.

"Hang on, we're almost there." Soon, they came to a door. Odion handed the torch to Seto and pushed the heavy stone door open. To their amazement, there was a beautiful room that was completely intact. It glittered with gold and treasure from the ages.

In the back there was a pedestal with a carving of an hourglass. They assumed that's where the millennium hourglass had stood.

"You all may proceed, but I cannot. This room is cursed so that anyone who is not a descendant of the pharaoh or any of the eight priests will be flung right back out. That is why it is not harmed at all."

Khephera and Kay looked at each other nervously and carefully stepped onto the smooth stone floor. They walked to the pedestal.

"Now, Kaiba." Seto rolled his eyes and followed them. He stood next to the girls.

"Well? Where's your 'magic'?" he asked.

"I have to agree. Shouldn't something be happening?" Kay asked.

"I wish I knew. Something must be wrong." Kay frowned and tried to think. Suddenly, she got it.

"My ring!"

"What ring?" Khephera asked. Kay removed a gold ring off of her left middle finger. It has representations of the four seasons carved on it.

"Your ring. Mother told me this has been in our family for generations and it has a secret to it." Kay slid it on Khephera's finger and it glittered with an unnaturally bright light. She gasped.

"This was my engagement ring. I remember now." The hieroglyphs in the room glowed green and the floor vanished and was replaced with mist. They all floated in a green, foggy abyss.

A figure started to appear. He soon revealed himself as a young man wearing blue, white, and gold robes and a hat that covered his hair. He was deeply tanned, had piercing cobalt blue eyes, and a familiar face.

"Seth!" Khephera cried happily. Her jeans and tank top were replaced with a flowing white dress and leather sandals. A blue gem appeared on her forehead and a gold headband appeared in her hair.

Seth hugged her.

"Khephera, finally I have found you."

"I'm sorry. The millennium hourglass-"

"We know, we know. Thank Ra you're safe." Kay and Seto stared, mouths dropped.

"Are you a little weirded out by that fact that two people who look just like us are hugging in front of us?" Kay whispered to him. He nodded. "Good, so it's not just me."

"My future self helped me. And Isis and you." Khephera pointed at Kay and Seto.

"Yes." They went over to them. "You,,or me...or, whoever you are, be sure to take care of her." He tilted his head in Kay's direction. She blushed a little. "Oh and make sure she doesn't get transported into the future." Seto, unsure of what the heck he should say, nodded.

"Kay."

"Fera." She smiled.

"Thanks for taking care of me." Kay nodded.

"Of course. It was almost like having a twin sister." Khephera laughed and hugged her.

"Well, I'll try to change the past to have a better future."

"Wait...if you and Seth actually get married and have a baby, will Seto and I be related?"

"No. We're not actually related to each other. Your heritage is German, mine is Egyptian. Reincarnation is mildly different from a family tree."

"...I still don't get it, but ok." Khephera laughed again.

"Oh yeah, there's sorta one more thing you have to do before we can return home."

"And what's that?"

Khephera whispered something into Kay's ear and Seth whispered something into Seto's ear.

"No...way..."

"Come on, you two have kissed before."

"Yeah, but-"

"You're destined to get married, so what's so bad about a kiss?"

"NOT GETTING MARRIED!" Kay yelled.

"Ok, ok. Sheesh. But c'mon, please."

"Oh, fine."

"Good." Khephera threw her arms around Seth's neck and he kissed her. Kay blinked at this and looked at Seto.

"O-okay." She stood on tiptoe and lightly brushed her lips with his. They pulled away and Khephera and Seth were starting to fade away. Something appeared through the fog. It was a ceremony of some sort.

Khephera walked down an aisle looking absolutely stunning in her dress. And Seth stood there, waiting for her.

"Thank you, both of you. According to this vision, Seth and I will get married." Khephera smiled.

"Want to see your futures?" Seth asked with a smirk.

"No!" they both yelled.

"Ok. We got it."

"Bye, take care." Khephera smiled and waved and both of them disappeared along with the fog and the vision. They were back in the chamber. Kay and Seto stood there for a moment.

"...that was...the weirdest thing that ever happened to me." Kay nodded.

"Yup, same here." They turned and walked back over to Odion.

The drive through the desert took a little longer because of the setting sun. When they returned to Cairo,

Odion looked back and smiled a bit. Kay had her head leaned against Seto's shoulder and he was resting his head on hers and they were asleep.

"Just like Khephera and Seth." He smiled a bit and gently woke them up.

HUZZAH! Khephera is back home and her future is much brighter. Kay and Seto have a bit of a glimpse of their future...or do they? I honestly have no idea so...heh. Oh well.

7 - Back Home

The flight back to Domino was short and sweet. Egypt had been fun. Kay and bought plenty of trinkets and even some Egyptian cotton, which really WAS soft.

"Well, that trip was really nice." Mokuba and Adelinda nodded.

"Yeah, it was."

"It was nice seeing Marik and Odion again." Mokuba fumed slightly at this and Kay nodded.

"Yeah. They look so different now."

"That they do. I hope Uncle gets the present we sent him soon."

"I'm sure he'll love it. And speaking of Uncle, I need to finish those new cards I've been wanting to send him." Seto remained quiet. He was still thinking over how odd it was to see near clones of him and Kay...getting married.

He had never imagined getting married to anyone. It was just too odd. He had his company to worry about and he had Mokuba. But...it was like he told Kay, he did want someone to love him. Maybe he wanted someone to marry after all and just had not accepted it.

But, he was only 16. I mean, sure some 16-year-olds get married, but it was just too weird for him.

The plane landed the next day and everyone headed to their homes. Kay worked on her card designs, Adelinda and Mokuba slept off jet lag, and Seto worked on his laptop.

Suddenly, an e-mail came up. He blinked and opened it. It was from the Big Five...the NEW Big Five.

"I'm...WHAT?!" Seto yelled.

CLIFFIE! And the End of this story. Here's the link to the next one.

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later!