

## Bright Night

Summer was abandoned when she was young, yet was old enough to take care of herself. Her world as she knew it was lonely and full of mystery. There was a large room filled with books as the foundation of the flower garden that was yet to come. This room of books did not have any access to light. Those books contained the information she would need and answers to all of her potential questions. She was dependent on those books for company because they made her feel as if she were floating in space. A place in space that was like a fairytale. A space that was always giving her a sense of comfort.

A staircase leads upstairs to the rest of the land. Summer loved being up there more than the room of books. On this land there was life and water. There were trees that remained a vibrant green and grass that never faded in color. All of her life she observed nature, mostly flowers, and read about any discoveries she found. Her mind was always wandering and her body hardly stood still. Whenever she was hungry she would go up to this land and find her meal. Summer did not have to worry about hunting and gathering because her food was provided by the island itself. Food was growing regularly and the water was flowing fresh down the river as it came in through all around her land.

She has long blonde hair that flows freely and the bluest of eyes that glisten from every angel. As curiosity takes her down a shadowed path, she suddenly stops in her tracks and her sparkle dulls. There was a noise and she slowly turns her head.

"..Hello? Is..is anyone there?" stutters Summer.

With fear flooding her body, she quickly ran downstairs to the only safe place she knew. She wanted to grab a book and read about what she just experienced but she's never experienced anything like that before. She sleeps a restless night with that moment replaying in her head. The thought of an unknown subject living on her land was unacceptable, she must find out what it is.

“Maybe it was just a breeze. Or maybe it was a person trying to find help!” She told herself.

Her determination to help this lost person wakes her up early the next morning and she heads down that previous shadowed path. She was hoping to find trace of another life, but nothing was found. She searches the rest of the land but again, nothing was found. The light was beginning to fade behind the horizon so she returns to the room of books and falls asleep.

Raven is a lost boy who lives in the dark. He has thick black hair but soulful eyes. His skin is pale for he avoided sunlight like it was a disease. He wanders around the land at night and creeps in the shadows during the day. When he goes on journeys at night he has little emotion because there isn't much to see. When he caught a glimpse of that girl, something changed. The night after he watched this girl look all over the land, he decided to follow her home. As he got closer to the staircase, he saw something he's never seen before. It was of the utmost beauty with a sweet smell to make it his biggest life changing event. Raven felt as if he were forbidden of such goodness so he stayed away from those precious plants.

Only a few days went by when the patience for seeing those beautiful plants in color was gone. He waited for the girl to get water for him to make his move. He slowly walked up to them and laid down to get as close of a look as he could. Time seemed to stand still but in a flash the girl was back and was jumping up and down.

“Are you the one in the woods a couple days back?” Asked Summer with extreme excitement.

Raven stands suddenly before replying, “Yes.”

“Where do you come from? What is your name? Do you have a family? How long have you been here?”

“Was left here and have been here all my life. Name Raven and no family.” Answered Raven.

“So nice to meet you Raven, my name is Summer! It is marvelous to have someone else on this wonderful land! Please, come inside.” insists Summer.

Summer gives Raven a tour around her room of books and explains all of her favorites to him but his eyes are only following her. He has never been around the land at this time of night. During the bright night there was so much to be seen. The precious plant was intriguing but she, Summer, gave a new purpose to life.

He decided to show Summer what his life looked like so they watched the sun fade behind the horizon and then explored the land. It was dark. Summer felt like she had no sense of direction but the grip of Raven’s hand gave her a sense of comfort. She felt as if she was in a dream and was walking through space. When they got tired from such a long an eventful day, they returned to the room of books and fell asleep.

Summer woke up and was ill for most of the morning. Raven went up the staircase and gathered food and water for breakfast hoping it would help. The sickness only lasted a couple of days and then Summer felt energized again. Raven and Summer continued to learn from each other as they explored the land. Raven noticed that Summer has begun to eat more and it grew as a slight concern which he dismissed. Several months pass and Summer’s appetite has remained large and her stomach has grown.

“Your lower chest is getting very round. This happened before?” Asked Raven.

“No it has not happened before and I do not know why my stomach has been getting bigger.” Replied Summer. She had read many books and discovered that she is pregnant.

Summer’s water broke and is going into labor. Her body is filled with adrenaline, pain, and excitement whereas Raven is in panic, crisis, and crying with the idea of her death. After this life changing event, she gives a quick delivery to a baby girl. Summer explains the morning sickness and increase of appetite to Raven.

“I did not tell you that we were starting a family because I wanted to test your love for me. When you were crying, I knew you would care for our child as much as you care for me.” Explained Summer.

Soon after all of his questions were answered, they named her April inspired by the precious plants that grows on this land to match her utmost beauty. April grew almost as fast as the flowers she planted. April was the missing, yet perfect, piece for Summer and Raven to live their lives as a dream come true.