

“Hope you will read this someday!
But, that day I won't be with you!”
From Irene Evander to 'Mo Chuisle'.

The words which were written on the letter made Gautam to rise his brow.

“I guess 'Mo Chuisle' means 'My Pulse'. The address is right. But, Who is Irene from 'Haiku' Village?”, It's not a usual day for him. The letters from an anonymous girl pushed him to dwell in the state of bemuse. He unwrapped the cover and begin to read,

“Dear, do you remember the day we met? About our days of love, fights, tears, hugs, and kisses? Your unconditional care in a time of crisis was a silent healer for my worries. But, it didn't sustain. Destiny played its role and departed us. When I learnt that you are spending your days joyfully with another girl! It pushed me into the sphere of sorrow. It has unlocked the doors of hell. Still, I love and miss you. You will remain as my heartbeat forever. But, you have cheated on me and moved on. Am I easy to forget? If you can, why I couldn't!? Hope, Someday you will realize my love. By Irene.”

A teardrop peeped out from the eyes of Gautam.

In the following days, the letters from Irene and her love impressed him a lot, and he decided to meet her in person.

“Irene has written these letters for her 'Ex' and not for you. Don't go.”, His friend Alok advised him.

Gautam didn't listen to his advice. His inner voice said that there is a strong emotional bonding between him and those letters. And, he always trusted his intuition. He traveled to 'Haiku' village. To his dismay he couldn't collect any information from anyone but his final attempt didn't relinquish him. A bookshop owner has answered in favor of him.

“Ya, It's me. Myself posted these letters.”, Said Francis.

“Are you sure?”, Gautam asked for more details.

“Yes! I have dropped these letters. I don't know Irene in person. In an auction, I have bought some books from an old museum and found these letters. I thought someone had mistakenly sold those books without noticing the letters. So, I posted the covers thinking that it would be helpful for them. But, I am sorry. It troubled you a lot.”

“It's okay.”,

Gautam returned to his hometown with a bunch of disappointments and his mind was still lamenting for his actions.

“Merely for these anonymous letters I have traveled to 'Haiku'. How foolish I am! Wasted my holidays and missed my guitar classes.”

To divert his mind he pulled a book from his backpack and begin to read.

It's a short story called 'Mo Chuisle', penned by Daisy.

He continued to read further.

“This tale is about the two countries and a love story between two hearts. 'Eminent Kingdom' and 'Bravo Dynasty'. This twin countries were famous for their war and peace. In those days, they are popularly known as 'Isolated Islands'. Because these two countries never had a relationship or trade with other countries in the world. Only the two island countries used to exchange the import and export within each other. Due to some unavoidable circumstances the war has taken place between those countries and ended in a short span of time.

Though, the war has ended. Those days people were scared to walk on the streets comfortably. Only, three or four shops were kept unlocked for some time. Men and women were rushing to grab their food. The availability of bread, cheese, biscuits and milk were seemed like a nectar from the eyes of a common man.

Even Irene is not an exceptional creature in that. That mid noon she has tried her best to buy few white breads. Unfortunately all the shop owners were uttered the same answer, 'Out of stock'. She was walking in the crowd less road with the fusion of hunger and disappointment.

“Hello. Do you hear me? Hey! Emerald eyes, curly hair.”, A voice made Irene to twist her neck. A tall man is standing in front of her.

'What?', she inquired.

'This is for you.', He replied.

“What is this?”

“A packet of white bread, biscuits, and a bottle of milk.”

“Hey! Thank you. Are you selling food items? At present, I don't have sufficient money to pay. A packet of bread is enough. I will pay for that. Okay?”

“I don't want money. Instead, make a deal with me.”

“Deal!?”

“Say 'Yes' to Joshua”

“That soldier?! Do you know him in person? Advise him to stop posting love letters. Okay?”

“Hmm..”

When she was about to move, he called her again.

“Hey! Take this. A small gift for you”, He snapped his fingers in the air and a bunch of white roses appeared in Irene's hands.

“Amazing! Are you a magician?”, Irene raised her eyebrows in wonder.

“Sometimes.”, He grinned.

“Then, full time?”

“Soldier”, He replied.

“Wait what? What is your name?”

“Joshua Lazarus.”, He winked.

“Idiot. He is the black sheep behind those love letters!?” , Her heart murmured, and she left that place.

The following night a melodious rhythm from a guitar dragged her mind to concentrate on it. She unlocked the windows to find out who was playing the guitar.

“It seems. You are enjoying my music. Isn't”, Joshua asked.

“No.”

“Then?”

“What are you doing in front of my home? So again you are here to post your scribbles or to annoy me with your guitar?”, Irene inquired him in anger.

“Oh my emerald beauty! Maybe my magic and music might sound half-baked. But, my love for you is pure and true. I love you Irene. Please try to understand me.”

“Will you please vacate this place.”, She frowned.

“Okay cool. But, don't forget to check your purple coat. Mo Chuisle!”, Joshua hovered the kisses in the air and ran away.

Soon she checked her coat pocket and found a love letter which was written in a poetical manner.

“Lovely lines. Well-penned.”, Her heart said.

Gradually Joshua's love made Irene to adore him more and sometimes his craziness ended up in igniting her temper. But, soon an unexpected incident made Irene to fall for him. Yes! When Joshua saved her father Ebenezer from the bullet attack. He won her heart without his knowledge. His valor, audacious attitude and his unconditional love for her made Irene to acknowledge his love.

The following days were cast as a heaven for Irene. In few occasions her stomach got hurt by his jokes, Sometimes he stole her heart with surprise gifts, Many times Irene stood flabbergasted by Joshua's selfless love and heroism. They used to spend their nights in the middle of the ocean by sailing in a ship. It seems that along with the two souls the ocean and nature also aware of their love, hugs, and kisses. They never got any distractions from nature. But, when we are in love everything around us appears beautiful. The same happened to Irene and Joshua. Their love has masked the upcoming danger from their eyes until the town crier made an announcement.

“An important announcement for all. Hereby, I request everyone to listen. The war between the ‘Eminent Kingdom’ and ‘Bravo Dynasty’ is over and both the countries have agreed to sign a peace treaty and to take back their citizens. So, it's an official statement from our Honorable Noble King Henry. His majesty, He has ordered the people who were not belonged to our country to migrate. That is, if you are not a citizen of this 'Eminent Kingdom' then kindly relocate to your respective countries within 72 hours. Perhaps if you are failed to shift from this country within the stipulated period, the government would take strict action on those people and will make them deport from this kingdom. You can check your names in the citizenship enrollment office.”, the town crier completed his announcement.

As early as the announcement is made. Both Joshua and Irene ran towards the citizenship enrollment office to search for their names. Unfortunately, Irene and her family names are not listed in the citizen list. Irene inquired the reason to Irene's mother Celina.

“Yes Irene. We are not the citizens of this country.”, Said Celina.

“Why the hell you didn't reveal these facts earlier?”, Joshua frowned.

“I am sorry Joshua. We never thought Irene would land on the trouble because of us.”, Said Ebenezer.

“What do you mean?”

“Yes. Irene is our adopted daughter. We are not our biological parents. Though we are unaware of her parents' whereabouts. I am sure that she is a citizen of this country. It's because we have found Irene in the borders of this kingdom.”, Celina answered.

Irene's eyes were flooded with tears. Joshua cupped her cheeks and planted a kiss on her forehead.

“Soon I will find your biological parents and I will bring back to this country.”

“Impossible Joshua.”

“Possible dear. They have finalized the citizen list on the basis of birth record and citizenship number. I guess they prepared your family's list on the basis of citizenship number. Thus, they didn't look for your birth record. I will apply legally to get your birth certificate. It would be a source to apply for your citizenship. If everything happens officially it will be easier for us to get permanent resident number. Never lose your hope Irene.”

Irene's heart is not consoled by his words. That night, they spend their time on the ship.

“I think this would be our last meet. I don't know when I am going to meet you.”, Irene regretted.

“Trust me Irene. This separation lasts only for short term. We are destined for each other. Soulmates never depart. Wherever you are. I will be with you forever.”, Joshua hugged Irene close to his heart and planted a kiss on her lips.

That night is the last day in which they communicated with each other. Hours, days and months have passed Irene didn't receive any reply letters from Joshua. Due to pneumonia Ebenezer and Celina were breathed their last. The poor girl couldn't know what to do next and what happened to Joshua as well.

So, she decided to meet him in person and again landed on the Eminent Kingdom. While she was walking towards Joshua's home. Someone has identified her and soon the message has reached the ears of queen Halena. Minutes later, she was surrounded by the royal ministers and chieftains of Eminent Kingdom. Their acts made her to bewilder, and she was drenched in sweat.

“Your majesty! Welcome back to our Eminent kingdom! Today we are highly pleased and extremely proud to receive our future in line with traditional and magnificent honors.”, the royal ministers and the chieftains were paid their respect by bowing in front of her.

“Majesty?! What's happening?”, Her pulse rate was increasing rapidly. They have organised a grand celebrations and splendid events to mark the arrival of their princess. While her mind was in a state of bemuse. Her heart and eyes were searching for Joshua's glimpse. After the

traditional welcome. They have taken her to the royal hall of Eminent Kingdom. The king and queen received her with a warm hug and happy tears.

“Welcome my princess! Today I have no words to express my tranquility and happiness. I thought, I have made you as a prey to the ocean creatures. But, thank god! My prayers didn't relinquish me. Our merciful lord has returned this kingdom's treasure back.”, Queen Halena hugged Irene close to her heart and planted a kiss on her forehead.

“Yes dear. You are a priceless pearl to us and to our country.”, Said King Henry.

Irene's eyes were flooded with overwhelming tears. She never thought that she would be blessed to meet her biological parents. Her heart expressed gratitude to the almighty.

“So it means.. Means.. Joshua is the person behind my identity. Now I don't have any obstacles in marrying him. I am so happy now. Can't wait to meet you. I am coming man”, but, to her disappointment. She couldn't meet Joshua in his residence. She ordered the royal guards to bring his whereabouts. They were also returned with the bitter message as Joshua was expelled from the country.

“But why? He served as a loyal soldier to this nation. Why the hell they expelled him from this country?”, Irene spoke in a fiery tone.

“Your majesty. He was acted against our country's law and married a girl from another country. Our constitution never allows marrying a man or woman from the other kingdom or country. Those who go against this rule would lose the citizenship of this country.”, A chieftain has revealed the reason.

Irene's heart was broken into pieces. “I have considered you as a man of loyalty and affection. What made you betray me Joshua? Still, I love you and waiting for your arrival. But, You?”, Her throat choked and her eyes were filled with tears.

“Mom. On what basis you are claiming me as your daughter?”

“Irene, we have lost you in the ship voyage. From that day I and your father were searching for you. Unfortunately we don't have any sources with us except I could remember your emerald eyes, the mole below your right knee in the shape of anchor, and we registered your name as Irene Evander in the birth record. The surname 'Evander' is used only by our royal hierarchies. While we are preparing our citizen list on the basis of birth record. We have learnt about Ebenezer and Celina through your friend Daisy. She also added that they are not a resident of this country, and they travelled to this Eminent Kingdom in search of job. Anyhow thank god! Now I have got my treasure in our soil.”

“You are absolutely right Halena. And tomorrow will be a memorable day for my daughter. I have got a big announcement to my angel.”, Said King Henry Evander.

The next day before the presence of his country people and royal ministers. The King has introduced Irene as their biological daughter.

“Ladies and gentlemen. On this big day, Hereby I officially declare Irene Evander as a Princess of Eminent Kingdom and after my absence she would be the Queen of this country.”

Irene was officially crowned as princess by queen Halena Evander.

“My lord I am so thankful to you because you have blessed me to meet my real parents. You made me to hover in the world of rejoice. But, I might be happier if you have blessed me with the boon called wife of Joshua instead of princess.” , Her heart mumbled.

“And ladies and gentlemen there is one more announcement. I guess this will make my princess daughter to swim in the ocean of bliss.”

“No. If, it is about my wedding. I am sure I won't agree.”, Irene murmured.

And the announcement is....

“God! What happened next? Which idiot has published this book incomplete?”
Gautam reopened the book again and what he could see is only the blank pages and not the chapters.

“It seems that this book is merely a rough draft. And yet to be published. These words are also typed in an ancient typewriter. Where did you buy this?”, His friend asked.

“From an antique seller.”

“Leave it. Guess what? Your olive green beauty is back!”

“Lakshi?!”, Gautam's eyeballs were widened in surprise.

“Lately, I have learnt that you are ignoring the marriage proposals and waiting for my arrival. Yes! You are always loyal to me. You didn't cheat on me. It's because of my ignorance I have misunderstood your character. Sorry. Will you forgive me?”, Asked Lakshi.

“Glad! You have realized my affection. I love you my green-eyed beauty.” , replied Gautam.

And to celebrate their engagement and reunion they sailed to Italy via cruise ship. Lakshi was highly attracted and mesmerized by the beaches of Italy and were creating their happy moments by leaving their foot marks on the seashore. While walking, Lakshi felt some glass like element hit in her foot and she confirmed that it is a message bottle. While trying to pull the cork out, Gautam noticed an anchor shaped mole below the right knee of Lakshi.

“Lakshi and Irene, both have got emerald eyes and the same anchor shaped mole! What does it mean?” , Gautam’s heart puzzled.

Then, they started to read.

“Dear Irene Evander. 'Mo Chuisle'. This is Joshua Lazarus penning a note for you. At this point you might have heard the woven tales about my marriage and expulsion. Hereby, I like to disclose the facts. Irene still I could remember your tears and love via your emerald eyes. After your exit from our country. I have made several attempts and tried my best to find your birth record and citizenship details in order to claim you as a resident of our Eminent Kingdom. And yes I have got victory in my efforts. To my astonishment, your biological parents are none others than King Henry Evander and Queen Halena Evander. Guess what? I was standing in the sphere of bliss and scare. Yes! You are the princess and future in line to our Eminent Kingdom. It gives me an immense pleasure but at the same time fear haunted me. Will they accept me as their son-in-law? Somehow I have gathered courage and revealed the truth about your birth to the King and Queen. Initially they pretended like they are interested in our wedding. Soon they claimed false allegations on me about my marriage and citizenship. Later, I have learnt that the mastermind behind my expulsion is Lionel Augustus who is the Crown Prince of Clinquant dynasty. His primary motive is to invade our kingdom and to loot the natural resources and treasures. Your arrival made him ease to achieve his goal. He expressed his desire to marry you. Though the king is not interested. The queen is very keen in extending their trade internationally. She perfectly played the role of a villain along with the Prince Lionel Augustus. I still remember his last words, “Whatever maybe the birth, Irene can't be yours Joshua!”, Yes! It happened. They expelled me from our country. I have tried almost all the possible ways to meet you and convey the message. But, unfortunately I couldn't. They have blocked all my means of communications. Irene, you know where I am? I am spending my days and nights in the ship where we used to spend our lovable days. I still love and miss you Irene. I wish to spend the rest of my life with you. I am not a betrayer dear. Don't hate me. I am counting my minutes. This ocean is experiencing uncanny changes in the depth. The tides were increasing gradually. Soon this waves would gulp me. Hope someday you will read my letter and realize my love. I love you Irene. You will remain as my heartbeat forever. With love.

Joshua Lazarus.
House - 9911,
Oar boat street,

North east coast.
EK-50.”

“Oh my god! It's a coincidence or miracle? This address is perfectly matching with mines. Lakshi I couldn't trust my eyes. Only difference is EK, in past it refers to Eminent Kingdom. In present EK means my hometown 'Emerald Kayak'. What's happening?”, Gautam has narrated about Irene and her letters.

“Two hearts - two countries - tragic end!”

“What do you mean by this Lakshi?”

“Both of these countries were not exists now. Due to violent hurricanes, thunderstorms and continuous rainfall made these coastal countries to float on the floods. To add salt to their scars an unexpected natural disaster called Tsunami has gulped both the islands with its furious waves.”

“My Lord! Whether I and Lakshi are directly or indirectly related to Joshua or Irene? Those love letters, short story book, this message bottle was trying to convey anything to me? Or I am merely exaggerating the casual events? Is my intuition right? Why I am highly dragged and feel that I have an emotional bonding with Irene and Joshua?”, Gautam’s heart is listing and placing a bundle of questions in front of Almighty.

“My dear Marine engineer stop thinking so deeply and take a look at this fortune cookie. It says, 'Soulmates Never Depart!' God! I feel like I'm blessed.”

“True Lakshi.”, Gautam pulled his future wife close to his heart and planted a kiss on her lips.

“Lakshi I didn't expect this from you. You are mine. Only mine.”, A male voice made their faces to dwindle.

“Hey!”, When Gautam is about to attack him. “Cool. I did for fun. Heard that you are engaged. Congrats.”, the man grinned.

“How did you know about our engagement? Who are you?”, Gautam inquired.

“Because, I am following Lakshi for years.”

“What?”

“Chill. Just kidding. I am Augustus from Clinquant city and I mentioned about Lakshi’s social media profiles.” ,
the man chuckled and Gautam’s heart began to recall the words of Prince Lionel Augustus.