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Love, Betrayal and Heartache of an Elegant Bird

When Laura woke up one morning from a night filled with strange dreams, she looked down at herself lying in bed and saw that she was changed into an elegant bird. "Yes!" she thought. It had worked! The potion had worked! Laura's life was too 1700s, she was beautiful and elegant but her stubbornness made you forget her best features. Laura was to live a life like any noble person. She would show grace at parties, only talk when she had been talked to, and marry the man her parents had chosen. His name was Sir Alexander, he was handsome but he was also a jerk and inconsiderate. She didn't want to marry this tall light skinned luscious brown haired man! His outer skin was beautiful, but his inner skin was not! To Laura, this mattered. Instead, she fell in love with the kitchen boy. He wasn't that bad looking and he cared about Laura, unlike Sir Alexander. Sadly, no matter how much she liked the kitchen boy, Andrew, he would always just be the kitchen boy, and her parents disapproved of them tenfold and denied to let them be. That is why Laura had bought the potion, to fly away with her love, for only love could turn them back into humans. Laura had gotten the potion from a local witch shop. She had paid top dollar for it but wasn't 100% sure it was legit, and now she knew it was.

Last night she had spoken to Andrew. They had both agreed to change that night into birds and fly away to be together where no one could find them. He had brushed her tears of doubt that night and had told her everything would be alright. They had planned to meet at a rose bush where they had shared secret rendezvous many times before without getting caught. Laura had opened up her wings to prepare to fly. There wasn't much difficulty to it. Laura always wished to spread her wings and fly away, and today it was possible. Laura flew to the rose bush to wait for her beloved. Laura waited, and waited, and waited some more. Hours had passed and she decided to look for her love. She wished to find him as a bird, but she had a strange gut feeling that he would still be a man. She was right, he was a man, and not a lonely man either because he was with someone. He was kissing the maid! He had left her for this cheap maid! The thought broke her heart, she decided to fly away. With a broken heart she set away, knowing she could not return because she no longer loved. She would be a bird forever.

Laura flew far away. She kept flying until water fell down her face, but it wasn't her tears! What was it then? Was that rain? Surely enough it was, the rain had started pouring and Laura knew it would hit harder. She tried to fly away from the storm, but ended up being caught in it. Laura became unconscious and was taken by the wind. When she woke up she

was in a stingy apartment in a comfortable cage, but the shock was overwhelming so she started chirping as loud as she could for help. Where was she? How did she get here? And more questions had been stuck in her mind and these were a few of them.

“Whoa girl, calm down! You’ve been out of it for a while. I found you on the streets. The kids were throwing rocks and poking you with sticks when I found you. I got to you right on time” he said with such a gentle voice as he walked towards her. He wasn’t as handsome as Andrew, but he had a gentle look in his blue eyes while he brushed his shiny black hair back. Laura stared at the hair sticking out of his face, the remains of when he shaved, and all she wanted to do was open up her white wings and fly towards him, so she did. She didn’t know him but she felt safe with him as if she knew him all of her life. He smiled at her, and her heart melted. It would seem like she was in love, but she was still blinded from her heart ache. Time had passed and they had become friends but there was something there more than just a man and his bird relationship, but something flirty. Which made no sense to Sergio, the bird owner, for how could a bird be such a great friend?

One day Sergio went on a date with his girlfriend. They had been dating for quite a few months and Sergio was going to propose. Everything was going fine, Sergio went on his knees and asked, “Melody will you be mine forever?” Melody smiled and answered, “Of course not,” she laughed and walked away. Sergio went home in a furious state. When he got home he found himself in tears. He felt ashamed of crying but felt like the situation called for it. Laura had been left out of her cage, and when she heard the cries of her owner, she flew to him. Sergio’s face rejoiced as he saw her, “You know what? You’ve been my only true friend. You’ve never betrayed me like everyone else in my life. I feel like I need you more now than ever. I’d bet you be something special if you were human. If only you were...” as he whispered these words Laura felt great love for him. He needed her. He wasn’t like Andrew; he had been left himself, so he wouldn’t leave her.

A bright light shown from her bird body as she changed back into a human! Unfortunately, she was exposed; she took the cover from the bed and covered herself as fast as you could say butterscotch. “What the...? What the..? Who are you?” Sergio asked as he moved back closer and closer to the corner. Laura was tired so she told him her whole story of how she had been rejected and abandoned and for that she was a bird. She had also told him how her love for him had lifted the spell. When he heard that, he moved closer, he moved Laura’s black hair away from her light skinned face and he looked into her beautiful light brown eyes. “You love me?” was all he could say. She moved her head sideways as if ashamed, and said, “Yes, yes I do.” He moved closer searching for something in her eyes like an approval to what he was about to do. He leaned in to kiss her; Laura could see what he

was doing and leaned in to kiss him as well. That one kiss did the same for both of them; they knew then that they were meant to be.

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Sergio and Laura married a year later and had two children. Coincidentally Sergio's ex-girlfriend was the maid that Andrew had kissed. They eventually broke up and set out to find their last lovers, just to find each other's lover together with their past lover. Sergio and Laura lived away from the castle in an apartment in Providence, Rhode Island. Sergio owned his very own restaurant there while Laura became a librarian in a local public library. No one knew about Laura's past but Andrew, Sergio, Melody and herself, and it stayed that way for many years.