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Ma, you are truly the most selfless and kindest person I have ever seen. Your unconditional love is my greatest source of inspiration. I am the luckiest person to call myself your son. Dad, I am grateful to you for your endless support and guidance. Without you both, I would not be able to become the person that I am today.

Preface

This book is about a fictional story of love, loyalty, trust and betrayal. It is also about hope and the importance of kindness. Not just towards others but also towards ourselves. In a world that is often cold and cruel, it is difficult to find a person that is selfless, loyal and kind. I have come to understand that good people are always rewarded. Maybe not immediately, but eventually.

Without the support and guidance of my father, Prof. Dr. Md Nazrul Islam, in every step of my life, I would not be where I am. My mother, Prof. Dr. B H Nazma Yasmeen, passed on her passion for writing to me. As a child, she would write poems, stories for newspapers and magazines. As a Doctor, she would go on to become Editor of National and International Medical Journals. I was never much of a writer myself when I was younger, albeit the occasional write-ups for some English newspapers. Somehow, her passion for writing, among other things, had passed on to me.

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Love

*My heart skips a beat
When I see your pretty face.
The way you carry yourself
With beauty and grace.*

*Your special heart
Makes me go weak.
You make me so happy
Like no one ever did.*

*I want to be the person
Who understands you.
I'll always do my best
To love and respect you.*

*You and I are soulmates
And we're meant to be.
Your hand fits in mine
Like it's made for me.*

*I want to be by your side
And hold your hand.
You're the only one for me
You're my Blessing, my heaven.*

Epoch

It was an opaque afternoon in late January 2027. **Angel Marki** stepped out of the headquarters of Marki Industries Ltd a few days before his 33rd birthday. He had canceled all his important meetings that day, as he had urgently needed to go to the Prescription Star Hospital.

His boyish looks belied his age. However, he had this air of equanimity around him. The composure and mien that comes as a result of having endured some kind of heartbreaking experience in life but persevering above it all. The position he was in today and the success he had attained did not happen by accident. It was through ambition and drive. It was also through the spirit that Angel had inside of him from very early on, that propelled him to become *the Angel Marki* after what had happened 8 years back.

When Angel was in Grade 1, his teachers at school asked all students what their ambitions in life were. Most of his classmates said they would want to become doctors or engineers. At 7 years old, Angel told his teachers and classmates, "*My ambition in life is to help people in any way I can.*" Angel was different from everyone else. He was unique. He had a way of looking at the world that was different from everyone else. He was caring and polite and he aspired to be

the best at everything he did. He was raised by parents who were honest and hardworking doctors. His mother was a very kind person and the most selfless person he had met. His father was the hardest working person he had seen. These people would be the foundation for the person that Angel would turn out to become later in life.

Angel had always envisioned that he would do something for his country and his people, and finally he had done it. At only 33 years, he had founded and created several schools, companies and foundations in his country, that were all helping people in one way or another.

But what happened 8 years back had nearly destroyed him. Angel's life took a turn that made him the person he is today. That was the day he first came across the person who would have a major impact on his life. Her name was ***Aidan Tarahshsum***. The story of Angel and how he had met Aidan started in the middle of 2018. The date was 26th August 2018. During the summer of 2018, Angel was a 24-year-old final year engineering student at NSU. Aidan Tarahshsum, a 21-year-old girl from the Business Dept. at the same university, was a first-year student.

The way they both met happened by chance. Angel, an exceptional student, was a Teaching Assistant (TA) for four faculties at his university. He was the only TA at his university who had taken TA responsibilities without taking any payment. During that particular semester, he was the TA for one of his previous engineering courses. The

realize was that he had sent her the wrong file. That mistake was the reason why they would end up becoming friends. Then lovers a few months later.

and talented person. Nowadays pure gold is very expensive and your heart is 10000000 more pure than gold!"*

Angel replied a minute before his exam was about to start
"Hey Blessing, thank you so much. It really means a lot. It was really great to spend time with you. I had a really good time. I do need to return your lipstick though!"

These four handwritten notes would be the most precious and valuable gifts Angel would ever receive. Inside the emoji eraser box that she had given him, was a heart-shaped note and on it written: "Ge Ni U S". It was written with the element symbols of Germanium, Nickel, Uranium and Sulphur. He thought it was pretty creative.

Inside the pocket of the shirt was a note, and on it written: *"For me, You are Stronger than Superman, Richer than Batman, Faster than the Flash and Sharper than the Arrow! You are the only Superhero I need in my Life!! Thank You"*

Inside the cake box, was another heart shaped note with the hand-written words: *"I trust You, but not because you are my Legend. I TRUST you because you are the epitome of everything that a MAN should be"*

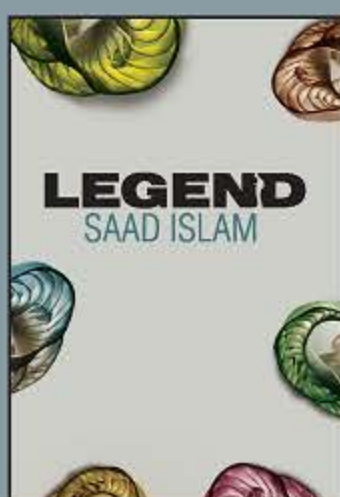
Angel was trying his best to not let out his tears. But when he opened the wallet that Aidan had gotten him, he saw the note that would turn out to be the most valuable and important gift to him. It was a note by Aidan. *"You, are the greatest gift from God. I have no wish other than to have you for the rest of my life!!"* He was overcome with emotion. There was no one he trusted more in his life than Aidan. No one he loved more. Years later, this small memento would help them stay together more than they both imagined. At that exact point in time, he knew he was going to end up with her.

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Angel Marki, a successful businessperson, looks back on what had happened 8 years back. How certain events, when he was younger, had propelled him to become *the Angel Marki* today. A fictional story of love, loyalty, trust, betrayal but also of hope.



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