



HERE TO WHERE

The sun emerged from its nightly cocoon, gently unraveling the darkness with threads of golden light rays, stitching a new day in the fabric of the sky. The sleepy little town of Oakhaven awoke into the with hopes and aspirations of a new day as the dawn tiptoed across the horizon.

Nestled within the bosom of nature, Oakhaven resides beneath a quilt of emerald hills, their undulating slopes cradling the quaint homes like a protective mother. A lazy river meanders through the heart of the village, its gentle whispers.

harmonizing with the rustle of leaves from the surrounding woods. Beyond the tree-lined horizon, a mosaic of fields painted the landscape in hues of amber and gold, stitched together by the tireless hands of the villagers.

Ms. Julia was retiring from her battlefield of paddy crops with a pair of slippers in one hand and triumph in her eyes. She reached her palm thatched hut, thirsty, and called out loud for her niece, "Miaaa Bring me some warm water."

Amelia Sterling, our protagonist was just twelve when she lost her father. Her mother died on her Amelia's birth. From then on, Amelia and her father weathered the storms of life together, creating indelible memories that she could cherish for a lifetime. Amelia, no, let's call her Mia, just as Ms. Julia, her aunt calls her. After the death of Mia's father, she was taken care by her mother's elder sister, Ms. Julia.



Ms. Julia was a woman of few words. She never expressed her feelings ~~to~~ intensely and kept them under control. The sense of responsibility that weighed on her shoulders carved out this character in her. Hence, she did not pamper Mia, but always possessed a heartfelt love for her sister's daughter. Although Mia would complain about this, she was well aware that her aunt loved her so much.

Seventeen years old Mia's second best companion was Noah Sullivan, her cousin, that is Ms. Julia's only son. He was fourteen then. He would come only after her best companion, the one whom she trusted and loved the most, her father.

Her father, Mr. Baldwin had

a paddy field of his own. When a deadly virus started engulfing the fields of Oakhaven, the farmers and the whole villagers ~~so~~ dreaded. But, Mr. Baldwin soon started receiving insights in his dreams. He got clues about a magical world, a realm beyond the known, ~~in his dreams~~ where there ~~is~~ are solutions to every problems, in his dreams. Mr. Baldwin who grew up listening to ^{the} mysterious and magical tales of his grandfather believed in ~~those~~ ~~was~~ the existence of such a world. He prepared a map to his magical world from the clues that he received from his dreams that had been disturbing him for months. Finally, he set out for a journey to find a solution to the problems of the villagers, but never came back.

The villagers believed that he had died, but Mia ~~never~~ was still optimistic. She had been preparing her mind and body to find out the truth of her father's theory ~~a~~ since the past 5 years. When all the villagers including



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her aunt were busy in the preparations for the village carnival, she decided to transform her dreams into reality for a village which is still suffering from a deadly crop virus and for her beloved father.

~~Mi~~ Armed with a map that her father had prepared years back and with a heart brimming with confidence and strength, Mia, with her beloved companion Noah, embarked on a journey in which the existence of a destiny ~~is st~~ was doubtful. Her bewitching blue eyes and her petite frame belied a surprising strength. Her heart shaped face, framed by her auburn curls that flowed down her back like a cascade of liquid sunlight, ~~was~~

portrayed a muddle of confidence and will-power.

Mia and Noah, both clueless, searched for clues in the map. At the first glance, they were puzzled. But with each passing second, they started ~~find~~ finding mysterious details on the map. Mr. Baldwin had already confirmed his wonderland to be existing in Oakhaven itself. Hence, both Mia and Noah searched for ~~sy~~ details and symbols that they could relate with their village.

They finally reached an old bookstore at the edge of a cliff. The quaint old bookstore, ~~held more than 50~~ unoccupied, seemed to them to be guarding a forgotten secret. ~~A~~ Its door was adorned with a symbol unknown to both of them. They found the door unlocked and hence dugged into the obstacles awaiting them.

After hours of searching in the bookstore, they remained there ~~absorber~~^{still}, not being able to proceed any more. Their convictions got tested

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by the swirling doubts in their minds. ~~Not~~ An air of melancholy surrounded them. A huge question arouse before them, 'Here to where?'

Mia closed her eyes welled up with tears for a moment and recounted her father's face. She remembered ~~an old incident~~ what her father used to tell her when she faced obstacles that prevent her from moving on. "If you are optimistic and passionate towards reaching your destiny, nothing expect you can stop you from conquering your dream. Instead of giving up, trust the process and move on. When every door shuts before you, there would always be that one door which would remain hidden initially but

would ~~def~~ gradually appear before you.

Mia opened her eyes to find the symbol that she saw on the door which led to the bookstore. She spotted it at the periphery of a book shelf among the thousands of book shelves that perplexed her there. As soon as she touched the symbol, the book shelf suddenly disappeared and there appeared a passage that led to infinity. Although she was strong-willed, she was a bit confused at this point. But Noah held her hands and pulled her towards the passage.

A little butterfly with blue wings, appeared before them. ~~leading~~ It led them to the wonderland that existed in Mr. Baldwin's theories. The little butterfly led them to a dark room which got shut as soon as they entered. The butterfly disappeared immediately.

They were awestruck as



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when they witnessed a book in the middle of the room glistening with an ethereal light. As her ~~fat~~ As per her father's convictions, the book opened before them giving a multiple remedies against the crop virus. They were over the moon being able to discover a solution to the problem that has been engulfing their village and being able to prove that Mia's father's convictions were real.

They were unable to find Mia's father there. Noah had seen a torn shirt ~~is~~ laying at the floor before which puzzled him then. But now, he knows. In the cheer of unraveling the mystery and the agony of realising the death of.

Mr. Baldwin, both of them left from their through the tiny opening that the blue butterfly which appeared again, had showed them.

~~A new day arouse again~~
\$ As the first rays of the sun reached the village of Oakhaven, the rays saw the people of Oakhaven ~~pra~~ celebrating their harvest season. Mia's ~~always~~ believed heart was brimming with gratitude towards someone unknown whom she believed to be leading her all through the journey.