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## **Preface**

It is difficult to understand how relationships work. There is no catalog that comes along with the package called love. Besides, it is so hard to read each other's minds. As a result, some men say that women are difficult to read, and some women proclaim that men don't appreciate or understand them. Therefore, our life together on planet Earth becomes a bit challenging.

Sadly, over the past years the divorce rates jumped up too high and the breakups became uncountable, and all that is happening is not because we can't understand each other but because we can't understand or love ourselves.

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## Foreword

True love is so rare, do not give up one day and think that you are not lucky enough to find it, because you may be not wise enough to recognize it. Every single person on this universe has a perfect match, a soul mate, a twin flame, whatever you call it. However, you need to dig deep and find them, great things do not come that easy.

I am no expert and I don't have a degree in psychology, thus, this book has nothing to do with the self-help approach; instead you can visualize it as your own personal instruction manual when dealing with relationship's battles.

In this book, I decided to expose some real-life stories that had happened to some couples and present them in a light and breezy way. First, I will briefly explain what had happened to

each couple and how everything went south. Next, I will attach a little insight at the end of each story explaining why all those struggles had occurred and how the couple could have avoided them in the first place.

I hope you will enjoy reading this book as I made it as short and straightforward as possible. And put in mind, we are all capable of love and we all deserve to have a loving partner; the only thing that we should do is to take care when we choose our life's companions and make sure that we love them before promising anything.

Love is a promise, so never break it.

# Story One

## I Do Not Deserve You

Selim is a successful thirty-five-year-old Instagram influencer who devoted all his energy and time to his followers and the agencies he works with.

Three years earlier, Selim was in a terrible position; he was not able to find work, all his jobs were temporary, and he never had an actual job with stable responsibilities and support.

This young gentleman was so desperate, but still, he was certain that everything would turn out just right, and his world will change for the better.

Selim was so good in photography. He worked with some advertising agencies and magazines, but companies always eliminated him for budget cuts.

One day, he decided that he had had enough of all that nonsense, and he opted to start up something by himself. At that time, Selim didn't have the budget to start a business, so he decided to make an account on Instagram and publish his work.

The Instagram account was going well, he got twenty followers in the first two hours, which was not much but it was a good start. The interactions were not a lot either, but Selim didn't give up and kept on publishing his work along with putting as many hashtags as he could stomach. Fortunately, with the help of his family and friends, his account began to grow—he got about two hundred followers in one week.

After five weeks, Selim received a private message on his account from a leading advertising agency asking if he could work for them, as they were in love with his photography and



wished to hire him full-time. Without a question, that job offer was an excellent opportunity for him; however, he turned them down because he did not want to work for someone that might fire him anytime. He had already committed with himself that he would build up something on his own. Everyone thought that he was crazy to turn down such an offer, except his parents; they were proud of him and were sure that he was onto something and that he made the right choice.

Long story short, Selim's account began to grow more and more until it hit 250,000 followers in two months. Selim then started to publish sponsored posts for famous brands from all over the world. In such a short time, Selim became a verified influencer on Instagram, and he was always busy with the events and conferences that he got invited to. This young man did it; he followed his dream, and he accomplished his goal.

After one year, Selim began getting paid by Instagram for every picture he published as he hit the 1,000,000 followers,

and that was in addition to the commissions he got from the companies he marketed for.

Not so long after his big break, his parents began to be concerned about his love life. Without a doubt, he had become a successful businessman then and all, but they wanted him to start a family too; they did not want him to be overwhelmed by his business and forget about building up a household of his own. Thus, at every family dinner, his parents always brought that subject up, and his friends were concerned too.

One day, Selim's best friend, Ammar, called him and arranged for them to meet for dinner at his house because they hadn't seen each other for a long time. However, the thing that Selim did not know was that the dinner invite was not ordinary; Ammar was trying to hook him up with someone, but, of course, he didn't tell him.

The next day, Selim went to his friend's house.

"Dude, so long. We miss you," Ammar's wife said.

"I miss you guys, too," Selim said. "Where are the little munchkins?"

Ammar then told him that they were at their grandparents' for the day, so they had all the house for themselves for some time. Shortly after Selim's arrival, the doorbell rang.

It was Farida, a drop-dead diva, on the door. She worked as a model in one of the leading advertising agencies and she was also Ammar's wife's friend.

"Hi, Farida, let me introduce you to my friend," Ammar smirked. "This is Selim."

And then Farida and Selim shook hands and took their seats on the dining table.

As a photographer, Selim was mesmerized by Farida's beauty.

Ammar then began to talk about Selim's work and how he was super successful at his business, all to make Farida take notice of him. Ammar was evil when it came to Cupid's works.

The couple chose her because they believed that both Farida and Selim had almost the same interests, and she was

a good and respectful woman, and the same went for Selim too.

Not so long after, the dinner ended and everyone was about to go home.

“All that? It is too long for me,” Farida fumed while speaking on the phone.

“What’s wrong?” Selim asked.

Farida then told him that the Uber driver told her that it would take him one hour to come and she had to go home at that time. And as a gentleman, Selim offered Farida a ride home if she didn’t want to wait. However, Farida was shy at the beginning, but that was the only option she had.

She thanked Selim a lot and they went out together.

Ammar and his wife were over the moon, but Ammar didn’t look that surprised at the correlation that had just occurred.

“Oh, what a coincidence,” Ammar’s wife said.

“Yeah, right, a coincidence, alright,” Ammar laughed.

His wife then asked him what was going on and she found out that her Cupid husband had arranged everything from the beginning. He told her that he knew Farida did have the Internet on her phone and that whenever she had come to their house before, she had asked for the Wi-Fi password to connect her phone to the network. So immediately Ammar went and turned off the router and that made Farida ask him to book an Uber for her, and sneaky as he was, he did not book the driver. Still, he asked her to stall her and instead agreed to pay her for the ride anyway.

Ten days had passed and Selim was still busy with his business. Genuinely, he had no time for anything else. Even back when he gave Farida, that beautiful lady, a ride, it didn't make much difference—they didn't even exchange phone numbers or interact since.

Ammar was getting so anxious to ask Selim about what had happened with him during the last ten days. Of course, he wanted to know if Selim and Farida had anything special by

then. However, he didn't want to ask him directly as for his plan to work.

Selim had an office downtown where he and his crew ran his influencing and promoting business, so Ammar decided to visit him there and find out what had happened so far with his devious yet romantic plan.

“Good morning, dude,” Ammar greeted Selim by storming in his office.

“Wow, slow down. Good morning,” Selim hissed.

Ammar saw Selim so busy and overflowed with something on his computer; he was speaking with him and his eyes were on the computer.

“What are you doing? Nice ladies there,” Ammar smirked.

Selim then told him that he was working on a promotion for a new apparel brand that had nothing to do with the ladies. Ammar didn't know where to start and how to open the conversation about Farida.

“Oh, by the way, thanks for driving our friend Farida,” Ammar smiled. “It was nice of you.”

Selim then told him that it was his pleasure, and any gentleman in his place would have done that anyway, so there was no need for the thanking.

Mr. Cupid there had realized that to Selim, Farida was not anything special yet. However, he chose to blow his cover and speak directly to Selim.

“Farida is a nice woman. I wish that you could try to know her better,” Ammar babbled.

“I smell you in what had happened then with the Uber driver,” Selim hinted.

Ammar had then explained to Selim that he needed to give himself a chance and had to try to commit to someone, as no one was getting younger. However, Selim was not very happy with what Ammar was saying, but it made sense. As a result, Selim told him that he would do that, one, for him and he would try to get to know her, she already seemed like a nice person. After a long conversation between Ammar and Selim,