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Sciences humaines

The Afterlife

Max has been dead for over a thousand years. She is a fairy in Heaven, which is the lowest grade in this form of society. While cooking, she is mumbling her rage against the nobility, especially King Colyn. Everyone screams that he's so kind, so magnificent and smart. She doesn't think the same. For her, he is dumb; he can't create equality between his people, and the only thing he has is a beautiful face. This is the only thing she can give to him.

She is so concentrated on what she has been doing for the past eight hours that she didn't notice an invitation on the table. When she notices the piece of paper, she opens it, and Max's eyes widen and illuminate. The King is searching for a wife, and all women can come meet him.

Within a minute, her things are packed, and she storms out of the room to go to the closest store that sells dresses. When she tells the owner she wants to buy the cheapest, but still acceptable dress, the old lady makes a weird face. The seller walks to the back of the store, where she finds an old wedding dress, but being a witch, she makes the piece of fabric turn from white to an emerald green. Max, seeing what she will have to wear tonight, thinks it is marvelous. She pays the lady and walks out of the store with a big smile on her face. At Max's place, she puts the dress on with the help of her sister who asks how she's feeling. The young woman responds in one simple word: queenish. When the sun falls behind the ocean and the moon rises, she goes to the palace. The knights let her pass and enter the thunderous room, not knowing what she had in her head. She smirks when she spots King Colyn. She begins

to talk with the King by saying things like how much he cares for the people, and he is not a despot like everyone says. After a moment, the man asks,

“Maybe you can let me put a name on this beautiful face so I can remember you?”

“Sure! I’m Max!”

“That’s funny; it’s the cook’s name too!”

Just after he finishes his sentence, the King begins to choke. The knights, abashed, run, push Max and try to save him, but it is already too late. Max killed Colyn and escapes with good vindication.

After a month of hiding, Max hears a knock on the front door of her house. She opens it without hesitation and sees the guards on one knee, a crown in their hands. She begins to panic at their view, but the feeling is soon replaced by the misunderstanding of their position. Seeing that she doesn’t understand, one of the guards explains that nobody has ever been able to attack a royalty member, and for that, everyone in Heaven decided she needs to be the new Queen.

With a lot of joy, she accepts the crown and closes her eyes. She hears a sound: a beep. She wonders what that sound is. The new Queen opens her eyes and sees two doctors with a defibrillator in their hands. All of it was false. She was dead for only a minute, and it felt like a thousand years! But Max doesn’t remember anything from heaven.

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