First and Forever Love

Chapter 2

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It was a month later that Lion-O reappeared; this time Jolene had just finished her homework and was putting it away. "What's that?" asked Lion-O. Jolene looked up from her backpack and saw Lion-O, she smiled and said, "You're back!" then she leaped up towards him and he caught her. Then he drew her towards himself; he wrapped his arms around her waist and she wrapped her arms around his neck, they topped off the embrace with a kiss. When they ended the kiss, Lion-O held her closer and said, "By Jaga, I've missed you."

"I've missed you too. It's been a month where have you been?" replied and asked Jolene. "Oh you don't want to know." he said with a smile, "Yes I do, tell me." Jolene said with a giggle. "Trying to find out why Mumm-Ra has been sending me here." Lion-O answered. "And? What did you find out?" asked Jolene. "Nothing; he's denying he has anything to do with this." answered Lion-O. "Do you believe him?" asked Jolene, "Not a word. He's the only one who has the power to do this and the motive." was Lion-O's response. "What motive could he have; for us to meet? That doesn't sound very evil to me." replied Jolene. "Who knows why Mumm-Ra does anything; but if it was for us to meet, then the only reason I can think of is to watch how miserable we are when we're apart." was Lion-O's answer. "Or he thought I would be a distraction." Jolene speculated.

"I never thought about that." answered Lion-O. They were silent for a moment then Jolene said, " I have a confession; I am miserable when you're not here though." While they talked; they were still in each others embrace and Lion-O smiled and said, "Me too." They kissed again; a brief kiss, then Lion-O set her down. They walked toward the bed and sat down next to each other, with an arm around each others waists.

Looking at her, Lion-O drew her close while Jolene looked up at him. As he continued to draw her closer; he leaned back until they were both laying on the bed. Jolene was laying on top of him, then Lion-O rolled both of them over to where she was on the bottom and he was on top. He caressed her face with his hand and asked "I'm not too heavy am I?" "No." she answered. "You're so beautiful, Jolene. I've never felt this way about anyone before." he said. "Not even Cheetara?" asked Jolene.

Lion-O smiled and said, "I had a crush on her since I was a boy; but nothing ever developed between us except a friendship." Jolene looked away and said, "I bet she's really beautiful." "She is; but in a different way..." Lion-O said, "How; in what way?" Jolene asked. "She's....it's not important, I'm here with you, you're the one I want." Lion-O said then asked, "Don't you think you're beautiful?" "No; maybe cute in a sense, but not beautiful." she replied. Lion-O bent down and kissed her on the cheek and said, " You're more beautiful than you know, Jolene." Jolene looked up at him and asked, "You really think so?" Lion-O smiled at her and said, "I know so." then he kissed her on the lips; a long passionate kiss. Jolene felt the heat rise to her face as well in the lower region of her body; she also felt Lion-O's arousal as he continued to kiss her.

Jolene moved her hands from his back to his waist and slipped them under his tunic shirt; feeling the soft fur that covered his skin. His hands moved from her face to her shoulders; then to her breasts, then under her pajama top and played with her hardened nipples. Jolene opened her legs and cradled his lower body and felt how hard he had become between hers. He moved to her neck and started kissing there. Jolene sighed, "Oh Lion-O...." he whispered, "Jolene, my beautiful Jolene...." Before too long both were unclothed and under the covers; still kissing with their hands wandering over each others bodies. "I love you, Jolene." Lion-O murmured between kisses. "I love you too, Lion-O" Jolene replied.

Even though they were both naked; Lion-O held Jolene close and said, " We need to stop before we end up going further than either of us is ready for.", he felt Jolene wasn't ready and wanted to wait for her say when he could. Once again they fell asleep in each others arms. The next time Lion-O appeared three weeks had passed and again it was during a server thunderstorm.

A thunder clap rumbled and Jolene was cowering when Lion-O touched her shoulder which caused her to jump. " Jolene is me." said Lion-O. Jolene turned over and when the flash of lightning lit the room she saw him. "Lion-O...." He saw that she had been crying. "Hey what's wrong?" Lion-O asked as he sat down, then scooped her up in his arms and held her close. Jolene just cried as he held her and softly spoke to her. When her sobs had subsided; he asked again, "Now can you tell me what's wrong?"

"My brother told my parents what he heard from a bunch of boys from school what they told him and it was about me." she said. "What was said about you?" Lion-O asked. "I can't say.....it's too

embarrassing." she said. "Blue eyes; you know you can tell me anything." said Lion-O, Jolene shook her head 'no' while tears fell down her cheeks. "Sure you can." he said. "They said that they heard I was....easy. In other words; I'd do it with anyone." she said. "Do it?" he asked "You know; DO IT, what you and I almost do, but don't." she explained. Lion-O got a look of anger on his face. He knew she wouldn't just be with anyone; she wasn't like that, she was a virgin and he knew she wanted him to be her first.

Then he began to worry that someone may have tried to take advantage of her and he asked, "Has anyone tried to be intimate with you, besides me?" "I did go to a school dance with a boy; when the dance was over and he was supposed to take me home, he took me somewhere else. I told him I wanted to go home; he tried to..., but I told him I didn't want to. So I got out of his vehicle and walked to a nearby house and called my dad to come pick me up." she explained. "So this boy lied to save face with his friends." Lion-O said. "Yeah..." Jolene whispered. Lion-O then asked, "What did your parents say?"

"They asked if it was true; when I told them it wasn't, *sob* they didn't believe me. I explained what happened the night of the dance and reminded my dad about having to pick me up." Jolene replied. "My dad believed me; but my mom didn't, she said it was my fault and from now on my dad would take me to school dances and pick me up to avoid such things." Jolene then leaned against him and silently cried. Lion-O kissed her forehead and stroked her hair, "Shh now, don't cry. It wasn't your fault, you didn't do anything wrong." Lion-O soothed. He held her until she cried herself to sleep; then he lifted her up and laid her down on the bed, slipping under the covers next to her and held her until dawn.

Lion-O visited Jolene several more times that year; but the first five visits she would remember the best over the next two and half decades. During the first fourteen years; she lost one of her parents, it had been eleven years since her mother's death and she has had two children and married their father. Now she was separated from him and her and her children have been living with an ex-step-mother-in-law. Only recently, Jolene would sometimes remember those special moments with Lion-O. She would try to remember if she was really awake, or if that one wonderful year was nothing more than a series of dreams generated from a young girls lonely heart.