First and Forever Love

Chapter 6

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Lion-O smiled and placed his right hand on her left cheek and said, "No; I was too worried about you." That was all he could muster to say; he was debating if he should tell her how he felt about her, or if he should wait for the right moment. Jolene didn't know what to say. During the eleven years in her relationship with Darren, there were times that Darren seemed to care what happened to her and other times it was the opposite. She wasn't used to having someone worrying about her so much that they would lose sleep over it. It was something new and it confused her. She decided to change the subject. "Is there any more of the gardens?" she asked.

Lion-O was thankful that she changed the subject, he decided neither of them were ready to admit their feelings to one another. "Not too much more; there is just the maze, but you don't want to see that." he answered and smiled at her. "Why wouldn't I want to see the maze?" she asked. "So many twists and turns; we're bound to get lost in there." Lion-O answered. Jolene thought about it, then said "You're right Red, let's not forget that Tygra doesn't want me to do anything stressful." she sat back in the push chair and looked up at the fluffy clouds in the sky. Lion-O chuckled then said, "You're just itching to see the maze; aren't you?" Jolene smiled and closed her eyes and said, "Nope, but you are; just so you can kiss me without anyone seeing."

"Oh is that so?" Lion-O asked with a smirk. "Yep." she said; her eyes were still closed. Lion-O stood up and leaned over her; Jolene opened her eyes and saw that he was a breath away from her face. "I would kiss you anytime, anywhere for any number of reasons and wouldn't care who saw." he said then gave her the most passionate kiss she had ever gotten from any man.
When he pulled away from her; Jolene's cheeks were a mauve color and she was practically breathless. When she finally was able to catch her breath; she didn't want to sound comedic or like a smart ass. "You must....how long....wow." Lion-O smiled thinking, 'Finally got you at a loss for words.' then leaned in for another kiss; Jolene leaned toward him and they kissed again, this time meeting passion for passion.

They quickly pulled away from one another when they heard Snarf walking down the path they had been on. Lion-O sat down on the bench again, but both had guilty smiles on their faces. "There you two are." Snarf said, he looked at the two of them and knew something was up. "Lion-O what have the two of you been up to?" asked Snarf seeing their smiles and guilty looks. "Nothing Snarf...." Lion-O started. "Just talking." Jolene finished. "Uh huh, and why don't I believe you two?" replied Snarf. Both shrugged their shoulders then Jolene looked to Lion-O and said, "I'm feeling a little tired; Red, could I see my room? I'd like to lay down, now I know why Tygra wanted me to take it easy."

"Sure Blue eyes; it's been ready for awhile." replied Lion-O as he caressed her right cheek with his left hand. "I'll go and turn the bed down for you." said Snarf and headed back the way he had come from. "Thank you Snarf." Jolene called after him. Then she looked at Lion-O and said, "Don't care who sees huh?" Lion-O smiled and said, "Okay, I care if Snarf sees...." Jolene started laughing a little. "What's so funny?" asked Lion-O. "Nothing." Jolene said while still laughing and shaking her head. Lion-O chuckled, rolled his eyes at her, then got up and behind the push chair and started toward the palace.

In Jolene's room at the palace; while still in the push chair, Jolene looked around and thought, 'This suite is just for me? I hope I'm not putting anyone out of their room.' Lion-O had emerged from one of the three bedrooms and said, "Just like Snarf said he would, the bed is turned down." When he got to her; he scooped her up in his arms and carried her into the bedroom. She saw a king size bed with white and gold silk sheets; there were at least four fluffy pillows at the head of the bed, the bedspread was also white but had the thundercats insignia in the center of it.

Jolene looked at Lion-O and said, "I hope you didn't make one of the others move out just to give me a room." Lion-O laughed then said, "No this is a spare one." He had picked it out just for her; the other two rooms were for any guards he would have to place in here to keep her safe. Jolene leaned against him and laid her head on his shoulder then stifled a yawn. Lion-O smiled at her and walked over to the bed and placed her on it. He knelt down and took off her boots; then helped her swing her legs to where she was laying down. For a split second; she thought he would climb in with her, but he just covered her with the sheets and bedspread. "Get some rest; I'll come and get you when Snarf has dinner ready, okay?" he said then kissed her forehead. Jolene smiled at him and nodded her head 'yes'. Lion-O looked down at her and smiled back, then left so she could rest.

Meanwhile in his pyramid; Mumm-Ra had awakened soon after Jolene was taken out of the pyramid, much to his disliking. He had brought the woman here to use against his long time rival; Lion-O, but that cursed sword of his let him know where she was . Lion-O and his friends took her back to the royal palace while he; Mumm-Ra, was in a weakened state. Mumm-Ra had watched what took place between Lion-O and Jolene in the palace gardens. "My plan to use her against him is now a bust, but it seems they still have feelings for one another. Perhaps I can use this instead."

Mumm-Ra hated altering his plans; especially the one he had for Jolene. He hadn't lied when he told her that he had been watching her over the years. He remembered the first time he saw her after he discovered where Lion-O had been disappearing to. If his heart hadn't stopped ages ago, it would have after seeing her. He understood why the young lord had fallen for her; she radiated such innocence that it touched his withered heart, the one thing the mummifiers left in his body. "She could have been mine." he grumbled. Then he remembered she had children. 'Yes, perfect...hehehehehehe Convince her to leave to go to her children....hehehehehe but how?' Mumm-Ra thought then said, "I have it; soon Lion-O will know what it's like to have his heart betrayed and his precious Blue eyes will be the one to break it." Mumm-Ra laughed maniacally.

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