

Soulmates

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Preface

I am not a devout person or someone with great knowledge of the Bible, New or Old Testament among others. That's why I'm not exactly the best person to write a book on this topic, be it the beginning of the world as we know it or even soulmates. Mainly because of my lack of religious knowledge, but also because of the difficulty I have in believing in the existence of soulmates or the difficulty I have in defining what soulmates are. That said, the character of Lilith interests me a lot and I ended up doing some research on her so I could write about her. And in the process, I found myself writing about... kindred spirits and soulmates.

This story is mere fiction and most of the characters, dialogues, sequences and scenes are purely fictional, not based on any specific research or exhaustive bibliography.

I hope no one will be offended by the theme or how any of the characters or scenes were treated. This book only served as an escape for my wild ideas and as a way of deconstructing this rich, mystical and slanted character.

*“Love can take us to heaven or hell, but it always takes us
somewhere.”*

- Paulo Coelho

PART I - PARADISE

Introduction

One day, God was really bored. He had nothing to do and decided to create the universe. He made several clay balls and threw them into the immense void, generating a dotted field of spheres among the stars and meteors and then, also in clay, several men and women who He threw into one of the giant balls He had formed. He called this blue and green globe, planet Earth. He made many of these mortal beings, but planet Earth was huge, too big for only rational beings to live on it, so He also created others who would help them in their tasks and who would also have a role in that narrative. But before sending them to Earth, He would whisper things in their ear and laugh. Some fell to the North, others to the South and so on. When He finished, He sat and watched. Every day, He watched from Heaven to see how His little friends were doing. Over time they learned trades, to form relationships, good and bad, to love and to hate. With their love they managed to bare new human beings, with their hate they often ended up annihilating each other. They learned to produce weapons, but they also discovered science and medicine. But God did not forget His first creation, a man, hermaphrodite, immortal and forever young, who would live in a perfect garden, created just for him, called Adam.

He lived in a place next to Heaven, which God called Paradise or Garden of Eden. Paradise was, nothing more than a garden, surrounded by several high hedges with blackberries, berries and other fruits and its interior was of a magical beauty, lovely green and yellow hills, crystalline streams where large fish and smaller ones swam. And where the chirping of birds could be heard all day long. There was always sun and never rain, there was no hate, no wars. However, there were traps, like trees with beautiful apples that could not be eaten and a serpent, to tempt those who lived there.

God amused Himself by watching His creations on Earth, mere mortals who perished at the slightest wave of His hand and the other in Paradise. Little did He know what was to come...

Chapter 1

Adam

Adam, had beautiful curly blond hair, blue eyes and a meticulously sculpted body. God told him that he could eat anything he wanted in this Garden, except the fruit of one tree, a beautiful apple tree with the reddest apples he would ever see in his eternal life. God called it the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. As Adam was completely innocent, and oblivious to evil, he didn't care about this rule. The days went by, and with time Adam began to get tired of his life. For every day was the same, and he felt alone. The sparkle in his eyes was beginning to fade.

One day, God appeared with His robes and long white beard, hitting His staff and making a great noise:

- What's going on my son?

Adam looked at Him.

- I'm sorry Father, I know I should be grateful, and I am. But I feel alone.

- I understand. - answered God. Looking at him thoughtfully. – I can divide you into two, Adam. That way you will have a partner, you will no longer be a hermaphrodite, there will come to be a man and a woman.

Adam's eyes widened and sparkled again with happiness.

God shouted to the heavens, gesturing His staff. Thunder sounded in the air, and lightning appeared among the many white clouds in the sky, which, meanwhile, darkened. And as

if by magic, Adam was a man, and there was another creature beside him, a woman who had the same blue eyes and pale skin as Adam, but long black hair. At a glance, they almost looked like twins, but there were differences between them.

- My children, you are Adam and Lilith. I created you equally, you are made from the same dust, part of the same being and as such, children of the same Father. You no longer share the same body, but the soul, that one you share and belongs to both of you. – He looked at Adam and added:

– Now Adam, you have a partner, you are no longer alone, but that also means that you will stop living for yourself, you will have to show her what you learned in your time here in Paradise. Explain and tell her what she can and cannot do. - having said that, He disappeared.

Chapter 2

Lilith

Lilith looked at Adam and hugged him. Giving him a kiss on the cheek, she adored him, felt as if they already knew each other. Adam was beaming. He took his companion's hand and started to show her their Garden, telling her that they would have to share tasks, that they would share everything. She would be in charge of picking the berries in the morning, while he would catch fish in the stream in the afternoon. He took her to the stream and to the different hedges where they had the most beautiful and delicious blackberries. He further explained her that they should not touch a tree that God had placed somewhere in the Garden, but that he didn't know exactly where. For he had never seen her. He told her about God and how He was kind but also strict.

Lilith was nodding happily. Both beings sustained by a unique innocence, they weren't even ashamed of their nakedness. They lived for each other happily, without any notion of evil or sin.

Every morning they woke up with the sun rising and the white clouds above them. In Paradise there were never black days. There was always light and a mild breeze. The grass was always green, and the water in the stream was always crystal clear. They could hear birds chirping, although they could never see any.

Lilith got up and kissed Adam on the cheeks every morning, and he responded with a smile on his lips and in his eyes. They happily walked away, thinking how they would miss each other until their return.

Lilith strolled humming songs sung by chirping birds, straw basket in hand. While Adam walked in the opposite direction, towards the stream, where he washed himself and saw the different fish jumping among the ripples.

Middle morning, they would meet again near the place where they slept. They would eat the berries and chat happily. They would play, chasing each other and rolling in the fresh grass. In the middle of the day, already a little hungry, Adam would catch one or two fish from the stream which they would then cook over a beautiful bonfire, and then take a nap, while the rays disappeared slowly, giving way to the starry sky, leaving them only bathed by the moonlight.

One morning while they were playing, Adam fell on top of Lilith, and the woman's breath, face to face, made Adam's face redden. He had never looked at his companion and felt what he felt now, he wanted to touch her lips with his.

He kissed her, not knowing what to call this or even what this desire was due to. Lilith didn't shove him, nor did she push him away. Instead, her lips moved in unison with his.

Adam felt his male counterparts harden. Lilith felt the touch of her partner's member and was initially scared, pushing him away. When looking at him, they were surprised and did not know what to do. But their bodies seemed not to need