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Whispers Before the Journey

These words were not only written; they were also felt.
Each tear that fell upon the page sealed them with a quiet
power, turning memory into energy, and energy into a bridge.
If your heart stirs as you read, it is because the same current
that moved through me now reaches for you.
What touched me has been waiting to touch you, too.
This book is not only a story.
It is a path of remembrance,
an invitation to walk through hidden doors
and arrive at the place where all souls meet in truth.
"Don't get lost in your pain,
know that one day your pain will become your cure."

— Rumi

— Alaa

Dedication

To the seekers, the soft-hearted, the silent watchers of the stars.

To those who have crossed lands, languages, and lifetimes searching for home.

To Beirut, where my roots were shaped.

To Istanbul, where my soul remembered.

To my breath, my guide.

To Love, the only destination.

To my beloved husband, whose steady hand holds mine through every step.

To my children, whose laughter and light teach me the true meaning of presence.

And to the Divine

Who walked with me in every moment, even when I forgot.

May these words meet you where you are, and walk with you toward where you are becoming.

Introduction

What if nothing in your life was random?

What if every joy, heartbreak, challenge, and miracle were part of a great orchestration, designed not to break you, but to awaken you?

These words are not just memories or reflections. They are transmissions, meant to touch the one who is ready, the seeker who is listening, the soul that has quietly whispered, "There must be more."

Let my story be a light on your path, not because it is extraordinary, but because it is real. In it, I hope you find mirrors for your own journey. I hope it stirs something dormant within you, something ancient, wise, and quietly waiting to rise.

There is a truth I have come to understand: nothing in life is accidental. Everything is a message. Every moment is an invitation to ask, "What is this trying to teach me?" And when you dare to ask that question, life responds. You are lifted to the next level, then the next, and slowly, you begin to see the golden thread behind it all.

Until, finally, you arrive at the center:

Love.

Not the love that depends on anything or anyone.

But unconditional love. The kind that frees.

May these words guide you toward that love.

May they reach you without conditions, just as you are.

And may all of humanity one day awaken to the beauty of
this love.

Prologue

There is a moment
soft and quiet
when the world falls away,
and only the breath remains.

It is here, in this stillness,
that I began to hear the whispers of a long journey unfolding.
A journey through cities and memories,
through loss and love,
through the unseen threads that bind us all.

This book is my invitation to you
to pause, to listen,
to remember that your story too is a dance of light and shadow,
a crossing of worlds,
and ultimately, a coming home.

Chapter One: Frames That Never Fade

A photograph is never just paper and ink. It is time, paused and preserved, stacked in eternity like pages in an unseen book. In its stillness, a heartbeat continues. A glance, a smile, a touch of light, all remain alive, untouched by the years. We return to these frames not only to remember, but to step once more into the doorway they hold open, reminding us that nothing beautiful is ever truly lost.

The photograph is small enough to fit in my palm yet holds an entire world.

My parents sit on the hood of a car, the mountains behind them rising in layered brown, fading softly into the distance like pages in an old book. Around them, nature has made its own frame: branches arching overhead, shadows curling at the edges, as if the earth wanted to keep this moment for itself. The sunlight falls just right, the kind that makes you believe the air was gentler back then. She is in a dress stitched with delicate lace, its fabric catching the light like a secret. Her hair is swept to one side, smiling at something we can no longer see. He is tall and steady, looking at her as if she were the only thing the camera could never truly capture.