



The topic of novel:

FRIENDS FOR LIFE:

STORY OF CHANCE MEETINGS AND CHILDHOOD MEMORIES

The Beginning:

The story begins with a spontaneous moment between Ella and Mila as they meet at university. Each is surprised when she recognises the other, and their names echo in their memories as if they have returned to moments from childhood. They talk a little and remember their past, then each decides to share her life story with the other—how they got separated and how their lives changed. After Ella moved to another city as a child, she found herself in a completely new and different environment from her old life.

She describes her first moments at her new school; she saw her classmates talking and laughing while she felt like a stranger among them. At first, she had difficulty making friends, and sometimes she faced neglect or bullying, which led her to turn to drawing as a way to express her feelings. She would spend long hours among colors and paper, feeling that drawing was her own world where no one could interfere.

Part One: Ella's Life

Ella tried from time to time to find a friend like Mila, one who understood her without words. Whenever she made a new friend, she would compare her to Mila, but she always felt that something was missing, as if her heart missed someone special. During her story, Ella shares a difficult moment she faced when one of her parents became ill, and she had to take on many responsibilities at home. This experience strengthened her resilience and determination to succeed. Despite these challenges, she remained focused on achieving her goals in academics and art; this was the dream she held onto until she reached university.

Part Two: Mila's Life

After moving from her neighbourhood, Mila also faced many challenges. She talks about her family's move to a big city with its noise, and how this new life was very different from the quiet she had known. She missed the peaceful places where she played with Ella and found herself surrounded by noise and speed, which made her feel out of place. To find an outlet, Mila turned to music and decided to learn to play the piano and guitar. She talks about the difficulties she faced in learning music, her mistakes, and how often she struggled to master a piece. However, she found in music an escape from life's pressures, feeling that this art was a language through which she could express her emotions.

Even though she made new friends at school, she still felt a sense of loneliness, even when surrounded by others. Sometimes she told herself that her new friends did not understand her as deeply as Ella did, which always made her feel that something was missing in her life. Although everyone around her believed they were close to her, her personality was different when she was with Ella. She was with others but did not share her sorrows and feelings as she did with Ella. Mila describes her journey in developing her musical skills and how she decided to pursue her dream in music until she managed to enter university in the arts department, where she coincidentally met Ella.

The Reunion

They meet again and exchange laughs and stories. At first, Ella feels a bit hesitant, wondering if Mila still remembers her. But soon, they exchange smiles, and Mila overcomes her shock and begins to laugh spontaneously, removing the tension and bringing back the feeling of old familiarity. One of the conversations that eases the tension is when they learn about their similar attempts to find each other. Ella mentions that she returned to her old city to see if she could meet someone who knew Mila or any of her relatives or friends, but she received no answers and returned sadly to her city.

Coincidentally, Mila had also returned to the city hoping to find Ella or someone related to her, but she, too, received no answers. Each returned to her home and continued her life without expecting to meet again at the same university! What a wonderful coincidence! Their conversation about their lives is full of passion and love, and each listens to the other happily, wishing that neither would stop talking. Most of their conversation revolves around their past lives.

They talk about childhood stories and share memories from the past that were similar in their early years, though they took completely different paths, as if they were trying to revive their old friendship. Ella talks about a touching moment when Mila supported her, and how a word or touch from her was enough to make her feel safe. Mila also shares some memories that stuck in her mind—moments of support and encouragement she found in her friend—leading them to realize that their friendship is not just a memory, but a bond still etched in their hearts despite the years.

The End:

They decide to stay together after their reunion and plan a shared future filled with excitement and small projects, such as working in the fields of art and music. Ella suggests the idea of a musical art exhibition, where she will paint pictures inspired by Mila's music. Together, they will hold a show that combines visual arts and live music, reflecting each of their passions and their friendship. Before they finish their conversation, the friends exchange a true promise to stay together and never part again. They also decide that each will keep a small necklace as a symbol of their friendship—a lasting memory to remind them of their sincere promise.

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