



# DANCING WITH DESTINY

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*They travelled great distances to be together, broke through barriers to love one another but will destiny force them apart?*

A novel

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was caught off guard – he didn't know what had happened but he fell.

"Raj!!" Anna got up to go to him. Mahesh stabbed him again. Anna tried to pry the knife off him, accidentally cutting her hand. He went to stab Raj again and Anna lunged herself onto his back. Both fell forward and the knife sped away across the floor.

Mahesh stood up with Anna clinging to his back. She held on with all her strength to his neck. She would strangle him; if she must to make him leave is what was going through her mind.

He was running toward the knife, but Anna's weight was holding him back.

"Let go of me" He said calmly.

was Raj.

"Hello?" she said sobbing.

"Anna! What's wrong?"

"Jai Jai" She cried harder.

"Anna, Please" He said desperately. He felt so scared.

"It's Raj – come now please" Anna said and dropped the phone and sobbed hard onto her hands, getting blood on her face.

They arrived at the hospital and Raj was rushed into the operating theatre, leaving Anna anxiously sitting outside. The doctor finally persuaded her, that in the meantime



"Anna"

She turned around and almost fell out of the chair; A stranger, no the man from the lake was standing there in the middle of the living room staring at her. How did he know her name? What was he doing in the house and where was Raj? So many questions ran through her mind as she tried to control her breathing.

"Yes?"

"I tried to talk to you last night, but you screamed – So I left."

"Tha- that was you?" She stuttered.

"Anna, I've watched you for some time now, and I love you" he said as if he was in a trance. He was a strange man. Anna was frightened of him, purely because he was so strange.

"Er?" Where the hell was Raj! The man took a couple of steps toward Anna. She backed away quickly, but he kept coming. "Don't come closer!" She warned and looked around for a weapon of some sort.

"Wondering where your Raj is?" He asked casually.

Anna didn't reply, she got a very bad feeling. How did he know all this?

"Who are you" She said trying to sound confident. But her voice broke and she felt powerless in front of him.

"Who cares?" He laughed. "I love you, so what should you say back?" He said menacingly. He was not sane, she decided.

"I don't" She said, which wasn't a good idea. He came for her and grabbed her pinning her against the nearest wall. He pushed against her trapping her to a point where she could barely move.

"Now I have you where I want you" He said icily.

"Let me go!" she screamed. He moved to kiss her. She pulled as far back as she could and spat on his face, she regretted this almost immediately. He slapped her hard and stars flashed across her vision.

"We're going to have so much fun" He said and leaned in again to kiss her. His lips touched hers and she hit him hard with her leg. He collapsed in pain and she ran, but soon he was behind her and much faster than she was.

He caught her and she fell under his weight. She couldn't breathe, he was suffocating her with his body. She gasped. "Let me go, please"

"Do what I ask and I will let you go"

"Wha- what do you want"

"Stop loving Raj, stay away from him!"

Come with me"

"Come with you?" She was scared; he would kidnap her or something.

"Yes!"

"Why?"

He pushed against her and made her scream out in pain. "I can't breathe" She felt dizzy. Suddenly the weight was lifted and the man went hurtling across the floor. She looked up to see Raj, his arms bloodied, standing there looking angry. He helped her up and told her to run. She couldn't run, she couldn't leave him.

The man stood up and pulled out a knife. He came closer to Raj holding it out threateningly.

"You got out did you?"

"Mahesh what the hell do you want?" Raj asked to Anna's surprise.

"Who is he?" Anna asked.

"This is not the time for questions, Anna dear – so what do you say about my proposition?"

"Go to hell!" Anna said.

"I'm not the one who will be going" Mahesh said icily. "I'm not the one dying"

"He's Mahi's brother" Raj said looking disgusted. "He's sick"

At that moment Mahesh lunged at Raj. Raj caught his hand and was fighting him off. Anna stepped back not knowing what to do. She wanted to help Raj, so she looked around and saw a vase. She picked it up slowly and went behind Mahesh. But that moment Mahesh turned around and chased After Anna, leaving Raj. Anna ran into the closest room and tried to close the door behind her. But he pushed against it. She fell back from the force he exerted into opening the door and felt dizzy. He came at her with the knife. "Last chance" he said smiling.

"Kill me" She cried. Raj came behind him at that moment, and Mahesh did something Anna didn't expect. He turned around and stabbed Raj right in the stomach. Raj

"No! Leave us a lone!" Anna screamed.

"If you let go I will leave!"

"No!"

"The longer you hang onto me, the longer you're friend suffers" he said referring to Raj. Her mind switched to Raj and she let go of Mahesh. She ran to him and knelt near him holding his hand. She desperately pulled out her mobile and rang for an ambulance. "Raj, Hang on okay" She cried

"Don't worry" he said, his voice was weak.

"The ambulance is coming" She said barely able to get the words out.

"I know Jaan"

She held onto his hand and sobbed. No one noticed Mahesh walking out of the house, no one seemed to care.

The ambulance arrived a little later, but Raj was barely awake anymore. Anna's entire body ached and she couldn't stop crying. She refused to let them look at her, insisting they spend all their time on Raj.

On the way to the hospital, Anna was sitting in the back of the ambulance with Raj covered in blood. Her mobile started ringing. It

she should get her hand looked at, as well as washing her face. She went into the emergency department and had to have a couple of stitches. She arrived back outside the operating theatre with a fresh bandage wrapped around her mildly throbbing hand.

Her phone rang again.

"Jai?"

"I'm coming, on my way. Tell me what happened"

"This man, he stabbed Raj" Anna said barely able to speak.

"Is he okay now? What's happened?"

The doctor walked out of the operating room, toward Anna. She put her phone on a chair and went to him.

"Doctor, how is he?"

"I'm afraid he's not looking good. He's really weak – he was weak even before this happened it seems and his body isn't fighting anymore. We sewed him up, but he's not responding well at all"

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