

Serenity

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“I was born with an
Enormous need for Affection,
And a terrible need to give it.”

Audrey Hepburn

This novella is dedicated to my brother,
Aaron M. Kelley.

Chapter I.

My story begins with the meeting of *Eketerina Pasternak* and *Xavier Baum* in West Lafayette, and *Erica Brauer* and *Anton Hirsch* in Chicago.

Eketerina Pasternak meets Xavier Baum on the campus of Purdue University, West Lafayette, in 1966.

Erica Sabrina Brauer meets Anton Hirsch at Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) in 1968.

Eketerina graduates from *Northwestern University* in 1968, with a bachelor of science degree in Journalism. She takes her G.R.E. in 1967, and begins her Master's Degree program in *Media Communications* in the fall of 1968.

Eketerina earns her M.A. in *Media Communications* in 1970, from *Northwestern University*, Evanston.

Xavier graduates from *Northwestern University* in 1968, with a bachelor science degree in *Mechanical Engineering*, with an *M.S. in Industrial Engineering* in 1970.

Xavier and Eketerina are married on *Saturday, June 13, 1970*, at the *Lutheran Church of the Atonement*, in *Barrington, Illinois*.

Eketerina wears a white, *Defined Sweetheart A-Line Gown* by *Allure*.

On Saturday, June 13, 1970, the newly married couple dine at *Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse* in Chicago, and stays at the *Waldorf Astoria Hotel* in Chicago.

On their wedding night, at the *Chicago Waldorf Astoria Hotel*, they make love like a newly married couple should.

Eketerina was feeling shimmers down her spine and her long, sexy legs. *Eketerina* wore her expensive black *La Perla* lingerie.

Xavier ran his long fingers through *Eketerina*'s long, black hair, and nibbled up and down her divine neck.

The following morning, they check out of the *Waldorf Astoria*, and take a taxi to *O'Hare International Airport (ORD)*.

From *O'Hare* they take a *United Airlines* jet to *John F. Kennedy Airport (JFK)*, and from *JFK*, they fly to *Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG)*, or *Roissy Airport*, for a five day, six night honeymoon.

In *Paris*, they stay at the *Park Hyatt Paris - Vendrome*, and frequent the *Eiffel Tower*, *Musee du Louvre*, the *Musee d'Orsay*, the *Notre Dame Cathedral*, *Luxembourg Gardens*, *Sainte-Chapelle*, *River Seine*, and *Arc de Triumphe*.

They dine at the *Seb'on*, *Epicure*, *Pur'-Jean-Francois Rouquette*, *Cobea*, *Le Cinq*, *Sacree Fleur*, *Bateau le Calife* and *OKA*.

Following the honeymoon of *Xavier* and *Eketerina*, the couple resides in *Oak Park, Illinois* for two years. Once they are able to find more affluent positions in *Indianapolis*, they move to *Carmel, Indiana*.

In 1971, *Xavier* takes an engineering position with *Allison Transmissions*. That same year, *Eketerina* takes a position with *The Indianapolis Star*, as a *Content Coach*.

Chapter II.

In 1974, *Eketerina Pasternak Baum* and *Xavier Christophe Baum* announce the conception of their one and only child; a daughter by the name of *Katherine Pasternak Baum*.

On May 20, 1975, *Katherine Baum* is born at *St. Vincent's Hospital*.

Katherine lives her entire childhood and teenage years in Carmel, Indiana. She graduates from *Park Tudor (Upper School)*, in 1993. From grades 1-8, Kate attends *Park Tudor Lower School* and Middle School.

During the spring of 1992, Kate sends her S.A.T. scores to *Purdue University*, *Duke University*, and *Northwestern University*.

Kate is accepted to all three schools, but chooses *Purdue University, West Lafayette*. Katherine chooses *pre-law/political science* as her major, upon her acceptance.

In August of 1993, she begins her freshman year at Purdue University. Kate moves into *Hillenbrand Hall*.

Chapter III.

Eric Brauer Hirsch graduates from Barrington High School, in Barrington, Illinois, in 1993. Eric majors in political science/ pre-law, at Purdue University, West Lafayette.

His parents are *Erica Brauer Hirsch* and *Anton Feinstein Hirsch*.

Erica and *Anton Hirsch* attended *Northwestern University*. Both of them major in *pre-law/political science*.

They both take the LSAT; they are both accepted to Law School at *Stanford Law School*, *Northwestern Law School* and *Notre Dame Law School*.

Chapter IV.

Erica Sabrina Brauer and Anton Hirsch wed on Saturday, June 8, 1974, at Erica's home church, of *Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, Illinois*.

Erica wears an ivory satin, Lace Sweetheart, Mermaid Trumpet Panel Train wedding dress.

Erica's father, *Alexander Frederick Brauer*, walks *Erica* down the aisle. Anton's best man is Mathias, and the maid of honor is Erica's sister, Halle Brauer.

On their wedding night, Erica wears a red *Maison Slip* by *La Perla*. Erica and Anton Hirsch stay at the *Hyatt Regency Chicago*, on Saturday, June 8, 1974. They dine at *Davanti Enoteca*, in University Village, Chicago, for dinner.

On Sunday, June 9, 1974, the newly married couple depart from O'Hare to Los Angeles, California (LAX), where they find their way to *Catalina Island, California*.

They spend one week together in Catalina, at *The Hotel Metropole*. Erica and Anton dine at *Steve's Steakhouse*, the *Original Jack's Country Kitchen*, *Antonio's Pizzeria & Caberet*, *Casino Dock Café*, *Café Metropole*, and *Three Palms Avalon Arcade*.

Erica wears a black *Victoria Secret, Very Sexy Slip*, as well as her black *Chiffon Babydoll*, for Anton.

Following their honeymoon in *Catalina*, both Erica and Anton choose *Northwestern Law School*. They live in South Barrington, Illinois following graduation from Northwestern Law School and Bar Exams. They earn their JD's.

In 1984, Anton and Erica Hirsch file for legal separation, after ten years of marriage. In 1985, their divorce is finalized.

The reason being irreconcilable differences due to spousal infidelity; due to Anton's torrid affairs. Anton was always looking the other way, every time he found time to seek out a younger, sexier lady than his wife.

His actions spoke louder than his words, and Erica finally caught him in the act. Anton was less than a cordial and loving husband during their short marriage.

Chapter V.

In 1993, *Eric Brauer Hirsch* and *Katherine Pasternak Baum* meet at *Purdue University, West Lafayette*, in an introductory *political science* class, during their first semester.

They both live in Hillenbrand Hall, but are completely occupied by a heavy course load; Kate takes 21 hours her first semester, and Eric takes 18 hours.

Katherine graduates in 144 semester hours, in 3 ½ years, and takes her *LSAT* at *IU Law School* during the summer of 1996. She graduates from *Purdue University, West Lafayette*, in December 1996, in *political science/pre-law*.

Katherine applies to *Duke, Stanford, Northwestern* and *Indiana Law Schools*. She is accepted to *Northwestern Law School* in the fall of 1996, and begins there in January 1997.

Eric Brauer Hirsch takes a full four years to earn his *pre-law/political science* degree in May 1997, from *Purdue University*. Eric takes his *LSAT* at *Northwestern University* during the summer of 1996, and she does not.

Eric applies to *Notre Dame, the University of Michigan, Northwestern Law*, and *Duke Law School*. He decides on *Northwestern Law School*.

Katherine Pasternak Baum spends three summers working in law offices in *Carmel, Indiana*, from 1994 to 1996, to gain meaningful, practical, experience.

Eric Hirsch spends three summers working in law offices in the *Chicagoland* area, for associates of his parents.

Chapter VI.

In 1985, just one year after Erica and Anton's divorce is finalized, Erica has moved on.

On Saturday, June 8, 1986, *Erica Sabrina Brauer* was walking down the aisle for the second time; by her son Eric Hirsch. Only instead of a lawyer, Erica was marrying a real-estate developer.

Her fiance's name was *Philippe Salvador Hayden*. He is an alumni of *Stanford University*. The couple plans to reside in *Barrington, Illinois* after the ceremony in Chicago. The wedding was to be held at *First Saint Paul's Lutheran Church*.

Philippe plans to run his west coast business operations from Chicago.

Erica wears a breathtaking, white, *Maggio Sottero, Aideen Brione*, Satin, Strapless, A-Line, Sweetheart Neckline Wedding Dress.

Erica's dazzling, long red hair catches the eyes of all who gather for the wedding ceremony.

Erica's married name is: *Erica Sabrina Hayden*. The first night they are married, *Philippe* and *Erica Hayden* dine at *Alinea*, in downtown Chicago. Then they stay at the *Waldorf Astoria Chicago*.

Erica wears a *Victoria's Secret, delicate taupe, Very Sexy Lace Applique Satin Slip*, on her wedding night.

The following day, Sunday, June 9, 1996, the newly married couple departs from *O'Hare International Airport (ORD)* to *John F. Kennedy (JFK)* to *Paris; Charles de Gaulle Airport*.

Erica and Philippe stay at the *Paris Marriott Champs Elysees Hotel* for the entire duration of their stay. They visit the *Louvre Museum*, the *Musee d'Orsay*, the *Cathedrale Notre Dame de Paris*, the *Arc de Triomphe*, and the *Eiffel Tower*.

They dine at *Le Jules Verne*, *58 Tour Eiffel*, *Lucas Carton*, *Le Pre' Catelan*, *La Tour d'Argent*, *Au Boeuf Couronne'*, *Chez Papa* and *Big Fernand Paris 9e*.

In Paris, Erica wears her ruby wine *Victoria's Secret Very Sexy Cami & Short Set*, as well as her ruby wine *Lace-Trim Satin Babydoll*.

Chapter VII.

Eric Hirsch and Katherine Baum fall madly in love during their sophomore year at *Purdue University, West Lafayette*. Eric proposes to her, on one knee, during their junior year, at *Chili's* in Lafayette.

On *Saturday, June 7, 1997*, they are set to be wed at *Katherine Pasternak Baum's* church, in *Carmel, Indiana, Carmel Lutheran Church*.

Katherine wears a stunning, *Jade Maggie Sottero*, Priority Dress. Katherine Baum's father, *Xavier Christophe Baum*, gives her away.

Katherine's long, black hair and *majestic eyes* match favorably with her *Jade* wedding dress, and her petite figure.

Kate's best friend from *Park Tudor*, *Selina Fuentes*, serves as Kate's Maid-of-Honor. Selina is an Associate Professor at the *University of Michigan*.

Eric's best man is his best friend from *Barrington High School*. His name is *Anders Byrd*; he is an Alumni of *Notre Dame*.

Kate's married name is *Katherine Pasternak Hirsch*. On *Saturday, June 7, 1997*, the newly married couple leaves *Carmel Lutheran Church* in a white, stretched limousine.

They drink champagne in the back, and head to the *J.W. Marriott Downtown Indianapolis* Hotel; once they check-in and change, they take a taxi to *Ruth's Chris Steak House* on *South Illinois Street*.

Kate and Eric have a 5:00 p.m. reservation. They both order a glass of red wine. Then Kate orders the Petite Filet and Eric orders the Filet. They share a baked potato with sour cream and butter, and each order their own Caesar Salads.

After the generous tip to the waitress, the bill totals \$165.00. The meals are quite worthy; the steaks are succulent.

On their wedding night, Eric and Katherine return to their *Marriott* hotel room, shower, and Kate puts on her *Frederick's of Hollywood, Claudette Half-Cup Chemise*.

After their first night together, they take a taxi to the Indianapolis International Airport (IND). On American Airlines, they fly to *Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY)*.

Once the couple arrives in New Orleans, they stay at the *J.W. Marriott Hotel* for one night. They dine at the *Domenica* (Italian) Restaurant.

This is when Katherine gets out her black, leather Corset and gets wild; as well as passionate.

They cruise on a seven day *Norwegian Cruise* western Caribbean ship dubbed the *NCL Dawn*. The couple embarks in New Orleans, then sails to *Cozumel, Mexico*; from there they sail to *Belize City*; from *Belize City*, they sail to *Roatan, Bay Islands (Honduras)*; from *Roatan*, they sail to *Costa Maya, Mexico*. They disembark in New Orleans.

In *Cozumel, Mexico*, Kate and Eric dine at the *Buccanos Grill & Beach Club*. In *Belize City*, they dine at the *Celebrity Restaurant*.

In *Roatan, Honduras*, Eric and Katherine dine at *Frenchy's 44*. In *Costa Maya, Mexico*, Kate and Eric dine at *Hotel Castillo*.

On the cruise, Katherine wears her *red/black Frederick's of Hollywood, Audrina Chemise*, her *Frederick's of Hollywood, black Geometric Mesh Teddy*, and her *black Caged Teddy*.

Katherine also wore the *Claudette Half Cup Chemise* she sported on her wedding night.

After Kate and Eric pass their Bar Exams, they take positions in separate law firms in Chicago; *McDermott, Will and Emery* (Eric) and *Winston and Strawn* (Katherine).

In 1997, Kate and Eric Baum move to a condo in Barrington, Illinois. In 2010, Katherine conceives their one and only child; a girl, *Fiona Pasternak Hirsch*.

Fiona is born on April 15, 2011 at *Northwestern Memorial Hospital* on East Huron Street, in Chicago.

Katherine has her tubes tied following the birth of her daughter.

Fiona goes to private schools outside of Chicago (Oak Park); she attends *St. Giles School*, Oak Park, Illinois. She then attends *Fenwick High School* in Oak Park, Illinois.

St. Giles School is *K-8* and Fenwick High School in Oak Park, Illinois is *9-12*.

During Fiona's junior year, she takes her S.A.T. exam, and by the fall of her senior year in high school, she is accepted to *Northwestern University, the University of Michigan, Notre Dame, and Stanford University.*

She decides on the *Stanford University.* She starts there in the fall of 2029, with lofty aspirations and high hopes.

Fiona majors in *Accounting* at *Stanford University.* Fiona attends *Stanford University* from 2029 to 2032, to study accounting. She earns her bachelors of science in December 2032, in 3 ½ years. She takes the *MCAT* at Stanford University during her junior year.

Fiona earns her M.B.A. at *Northwestern* from January 2033-2035, from the *Kellogg School of Management.*

Chapter VIII.

In 2035, Fiona chooses a position in *Irving, Texas*, with *Hewlett Packard*. In 2037, Fiona moves up a peg in the company, due to her extreme diligence and hard work.

In 2037, Fiona meets *Stephone Stein* at a company function. In 2038, they are both engaged to be married.

Their wedding date to be married is: *Saturday, June 11, 2039*. Fiona wears a wears *Fredricka Maggie Sottero Tulle A-Line Wedding Dress* with a *Sweetheart Neckline*.

The wedding takes place at Fiona's home church in Barrington, Illinois; the *Lutheran Church of the Atonement*.

Her father, *Eric Braurer Hirsch*, gives her away. Fiona's best friend from Stanford University, *Michelle Zanhaw*, serves as Fiona's Maid of Honor.

Stephone Stein's best man is his older brother, Paul Stein. Fiona's married name is: *Fiona Hirsch Stein*.

On *Saturday, June 11, 2039*, Fiona and Stephone Stein dine at *RPM* (Italian), in downtown Chicago. That evening they stay in the *Four Seasons Hotel Chicago*.

They have illustrious intercourse on their wedding night; Fiona wears her black *Frederick's of Hollywood Racerback Seamless Teddy*.

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