

Blue Bloods 1 Melissa De La Cruz

Can't wait to sink your fangs into Melissa de la Cruz's highly anticipated conclusion to the Blue Bloods series, *The Gates of Paradise*? Prepare for sheer bliss and refresh your memory with these exciting chapter samples from the Blue Bloods saga--selected just for you by Melissa de la Cruz herself. Plus, a deep, dark secret is revealed: the first chapter of Melissa de la Cruz's exhilarating new eBook, *Wolf Pact*!

Once left to live the glamorous life in New York City, the Blue Bloods now find themselves in an epic battle for survival against the sinister Silver Bloods, in the fourth installment of the Blue Bloods series.

Philip Pullman is an award-winning author perhaps best known for his epic trilogy, *His Dark Materials*, one of the few fantasy classics to feature a strong female central protagonist. Pullman is a creator of new worlds and the captain of adventures, spinning intricate and fantastical yarns. His life story is every bit as fascinating as the tales he has created from life, transforming them with storytelling magic into classics of fantasy literature. This is the life story of a master storyteller, and readers will receive a privileged glimpse into the mind and working methods of a creative genius. This supports Common Core standards for

the reading of biographies.

Schuyler Van Alen is running out of time. The Dark Prince of Hell is storming the Gates of Paradise, intent on winning the heavenly throne for good. Will Bliss and the wolves she has recruited to join her win the battle for the vampires? Is Schuyler prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice? Love and vengeance, duty and loyalty, life and death, are all at odds in the gripping, heartbreaking finale of the Blue Bloods series.

Gotham High: Eine Schule voller Geheimnisse und Intrigen Der 17-jährige Bruce Wayne fliegt vom Internat. Jetzt muss er zurück nach Gotham City und dort die Schulbank drücken. Doch in seiner Heimatstadt hat sich einiges verändert. Die riesige Villa seiner ermordeten Eltern ist nur noch ein düsterer Ort und seine Nachbarin Selina Kyle früher ein nettes Mädchen ist mittlerweile eine junge Frau die tut was ihr gefällt und sich nimmt was sie haben möchte. Der verarmte Klassenclown Jack Napier versucht beim Kartenspiel an das Geld seiner reichen Mitschüler zu kommen und schwärmt für Selina. Als dann ein Mitschüler entführt wird will Bruce die Sache aufklären und aus Freunden werden Gegner im Kampf um Liebe und Geld. Alle für keinen!

In this dazzling finale to the trilogy that began with the New York Times bestselling *Alex & Eliza: A Love Story*, the curtain closes on the epic romance of

Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler 1785. New York, New York. As a young nation begins to take shape, Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler are on top of the world. They're the toast of the town, keeping New York City buzzing with tales of their lavish parties, of Eliza's legendary wit, and of Alex's brilliant legal mind. But new additions to Alex & Eliza's little family mean change is afoot in the Hamilton household. When they agree to take in an orphaned teenage girl along with Eliza's oldest brother, John Schuyler, Eliza can't help but attempt a match. It's not long before sparks start to fly . . . if only Eliza can keep herself from interfering too much in the course of true love. After all, she and Alex have an arrival of their own to plan for, though Alex's latest case brings a perilous threat that may destroy everything. The sweeping love story of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Schuyler comes to a close in *All for One*, the riveting final installment of the New York Times bestselling Alex & Eliza trilogy.

The Blue Bloods have powers beyond human comprehension: strength that defies logic, speed that cannot be captured on film, the ability to shapeshift, and more. But in matters of the heart, no one, not even these immortal vampires, has total control. In *Bloody Valentine*, a companion novella to the best-selling Blue Bloods series, author Melissa de la Cruz delves deep into the love lives of the all-powerful vamps from New York's Upper East Side – Schuyler and Jack's

passion for each other, Mimi and Kingsley's tangled romantic history, and even a possible cure for Oliver's heartbreak in the form of a witchy new girl. /DIVDIV In both prose and verse, Bloody Valentine reveals the undying love, the hope and devastation, and the lust and longing that have defined the Blue Bloods throughout history. Prepare to be swept off your feet.

The young, the fabulous and the fanged rule the upper echelons of Manhattan society in book four of this fantastically addictive series from bestselling children's author Melissa de la Cruz.

Read the novel that inspired the major TV drama Witches of East End, starring Julia Ormond and Jenna Dewan-Tatum Freya, Ingrid and Joanna Beauchamp love their sleepy life in the East Hamptons. A new engagement, promotion at work, a happy home - it's all going perfectly. And, to top it off, no one's come close to discovering the secret of what they can really do in hundreds of years. But throw a few accidental love potions in the mix the Beauchamp girls are going to need more than a broomstick to clean up this mess. . .

The stakes have never been higher for the young Blue Bloods of Manhattan. After their brief yet beautiful bonding ceremony in Italy, Schuyler Van Alen and Jack Force depart for Egypt, desperate to find the elusive Gate of Promise before Jack must face his twin, Mimi, for a blood trial. A blood trial that only one of them can survive. But everything

Schuyler thought she knew about the gate turns out to be a lie, and they soon find themselves ensnared in a deadly battle against the demon-born.

After inheriting the dark Van Alen Legacy, Schuyler fled to Florence with her forbidden love, Jack. Now the two of them must embark on the mission Schuyler was destined to complete: to find and protect the five remaining gates that guard earth from Lucifer, lord of the Silver Bloods. Back in New York, Mimi has been elected Regent of a crumbling coven. Struggling with her heartache over the loss of Kingsley and with her overwhelming desire to destroy Jack, she must focus all of her energy on a perilous new threat. Vampires are being abducted and their captors are planning to burn them alive online...for all the world to see. Help arrives in the form of Deming Chen, a Venator from Shanghai, who must untangle the web of deceptions before the killers strike again. As the young vampires struggle for the survival of the coven, they uncover a deadly secret, a truth first discovered by Schuyler's mother during the Renaissance but kept buried for centuries. And as the Blue Blood enclave weakens yet further, fate leads Schuyler to a terrible choice that will ultimately map the destiny of her heart.

"In the final installment of the Blue Bloods series, the young vampires of Manhattan must make terrible sacrifices in order to triumph over Lucifer and the Silver Bloods"--Provided by publisher.

Secrets, secrets are no fun. Secrets, secrets hurt someone. . . . An eccentric new girl. A brooding socialite. The scion of one of New York's wealthiest families. A promising

filmmaker. As students at the exclusive Chadwick School, Phoebe, Lauren, Nick, and Patch already live in a world most teenagers only dream about. They didn't ask to be Society members. But when three of them receive a mysterious text message promising success and fame beyond belief, they say yes to everything—even to the harrowing initiation ceremony in a gritty warehouse downtown and to the ankh-shaped tattoo they're forced to get on the nape of their necks. Once they're part of the Society, things begin falling into place for them. Week after week, their ambitions are fulfilled. It's all perfect—until a body is found in Central Park with no distinguishing marks except for an ankh-shaped tattoo. Tom Dolby makes his teen fiction debut with this riveting novel about a dangerous society so secret that once you get in, you can never get out.

The Ultimate Fan Guide to the Dark Angel Phenomenon! Dark Angels have a way of capturing the popular imagination. From Lestat of *The Vampire Chronicles* to Edward Cullen of the *Twilight* series to *Count Dracula* of Bram Stoker's classic novel, fans are enraptured by heaven's mysterious and misunderstood outcasts. Now comes the ultimate fan guide for lovers of the Dark Angel genre. *Dark Angels Revealed* highlights the most popular Dark Angels from novels, movies, and television including: — Acheron of the best-selling *Dark Hunter* series — Bill Compton of the hit television series *True Blood* — Spike from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* — Jean Claude from the best-selling *Anita Blake Vampire Hunter* novels — The Cullen family from Stephanie Meyer's *Twilight* series Each entry is a revealing look into a Dark Angel's strengths, weaknesses, and

special powers. Even the most diehard fan will glean new insight into each character's psyche, gifts, and personal demons. Brimming with photographs, key lines and scenes, and little known facts and trivia, *Dark Angels: A Complete Illustrated Guide* is the definitive insider's guide to these supernatural creatures.

Sirens: Collected Papers 2009-2011 combines written versions of presentations from three years of *Sirens*, a conference on women in fantasy literature. During those years, presenters were encouraged to analyze women warriors, fairies, and monsters.

Presentations for *Sirens* were chosen by vetting boards made up of scholars, professionals, and readers. Following each year's conference, presenters were invited to submit text versions of their presentations for the *Sirens* compendium; twenty-five of the nearly ninety presentations from 2009–2011 are represented in these collected papers.

For this elite group of teenagers, New York is all about parties, fashion...AND BLOOD. Schuyler Van Alen is a loner, and happy that way. But when she turns fifteen, her life dramatically changes. A mosaic of blue veins appears on her arms, and she begins to have memories of another time and place. When a classmate is found dead at a night club, the mystery deepens. Most surprising of all, Jack Force, the hottest boy in school, starts showing a sudden interest in her. Schuyler wants answers, but is she prepared to learn the truth...especially when she discovers her part in it? The sexy and secretive world of the *Blue Bloods* comes to life in this stunning graphic novel adaptation of Book

One in Melissa de la Cruz's internationally best-selling series.

From the author of the highly addictive and bestselling Blue Bloods series, with almost 3 million copies sold, comes a new novel, Melissa de la Cruz's first for adults, featuring a family of formidable and beguiling witches. The three Beauchamp women-Joanna and her daughters Freya and Ingrid-live in North Hampton, out on the tip of Long Island. Their beautiful, mist-shrouded town seems almost stuck in time, and all three women lead seemingly quiet, uneventful existences. But they are harboring a mighty secret-they are powerful witches banned from using their magic. Joanna can resurrect people from the dead and heal the most serious of injuries. Ingrid, her bookish daughter, has the ability to predict the future and weave knots that can solve anything from infertility to infidelity. And finally, there's Freya, the wild child, who has a charm or a potion that can cure most any heartache. For centuries, all three women have been forced to suppress their abilities. But then Freya, who is about to get married to the wealthy and mysterious Bran Gardiner, finds that her increasingly complicated romantic life makes it more difficult than ever to hide her secret. Soon Ingrid and Joanna confront similar dilemmas, and the Beauchamp women realize they can no longer conceal their true selves. They unearth their wands from the attic, dust off their broomsticks, and begin casting spells on the townspeople. It all seems like a bit of good-natured, innocent magic, but then mysterious, violent attacks begin to plague the town. When a young girl disappears over the Fourth of July weekend, they realize it's time to uncover who and what dark

forces are working against them. With a brand-new cast of characters, a fascinating and fresh world to discover, and a few surprise appearances from some of the Blue Blood fan favorites, this is a page-turning, deliciously fun, magical summer read fraught with love affairs, witchcraft, and an unforgettable battle between good and evil. "A sexy, magical romp, sure to bring de la Cruz a legion of new fans." -- Kelley Armstrong, New York Times bestselling author of The Otherworld series

Welcome to New Vegas, a city once covered in bling, now blanketed in ice. Like much of the destroyed planet, the place knows only one temperature - freezing. But some things never change. The diamond in the ice desert is still a 24-hour hedonistic playground and nothing keeps the crowds away from the casino floors, never mind the rumors about sinister sorcery in its shadows. At the heart of this city is Natasha Kestal, a young blackjack dealer looking for a way out. Like many, she's heard of a mythical land simply called "the Blue." They say it's a paradise, where the sun still shines and the waters are turquoise. More importantly, it's a place where Nat won't be persecuted, even if her darkest secret comes to light. But passage to the Blue is treacherous, if not impossible, and her only shot is to bet on a ragtag crew of mercenaries led by a cocky runner named Ryan Wesson there. Danger and deceit await on every corner, even as Nat and Wes find themselves inexorably drawn to each other. But can true love survive the lies? Fiery hearts collide in this fantastic tale of the evil men do and the awesome power within us all. This is a remarkable first book in a spellbinding new series about

the dawn of a new kind of magic.

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Preparations are under way for the ball of the century. But as any true Blue Blood

knows, it's the after-party that counts. And the cunning Mimi Force is getting ready to make sure her masquerade ball is the place to be for the Young, Fabulous and Fanged. But Schuyler Van Alen has more on her mind than fancy dresses, even if her crush Jack Force, is sure to make an appearance. She's getting closer to finding out what's been preying on the young vamps - and discovering the deadly secrets hiding under the masks. . . Rich with glamour, attitude and vampire lore, this second instalment in the Blue Bloods saga will leave readers thirsting for more.

Devon, the hottest chart-topping sixteenyear- old diva, has just landed in the south of France to film her Hollywood movie debut. With her French Caribbean beauty and ethereal voice, she aims to secure her newest crown—blockbuster box office—but she discovers sometimes a girl can't get by without a little help from her friends. So when she befriends Livia Romero, the producer's insanely gorgeous and insanely spoiled daughter, whose slammin' new body is thanks to dropping two hundred pounds via stomach-stapling surgery; and Casey West, a personal assistant to the rival star, an entourage is born. And the paparazzi can't get enough of them.

For the Young, Fabulous and Fanged. . . All is never what it seems. Schuyler Van Alen's blood legacy has just been called into question: is the young vampire in fact a Blue Blood, or is it the sinister Silver Blood that runs through her veins? As controversy swirls, Schuyler is left stranded in the Force household, trapped under the same roof as her cunning nemesis, Mimi Force, and her forbidden crush, Jack Force. But when an

ancient place of power is threatened in Rio de Janeiro, the Blue Bloods need Schuyler on their side. The stakes are high, the battle is bloody; and through it all Schuyler is torn between duty and passion, love and freedom. Romance, glamour and vampire lore collide in the highly anticipated third book in best-selling author Melissa de la Cruz's Blue Bloods series.

Schuyler Van Alen has never fit in at Duchesne, her prestigious New York City private school. She prefers baggy, vintage clothes to the Prada and pearls worn by her classmates. But when she turns fifteen, Schuyler's life changes dramatically. The death of a popular schoolmate haunts her in unexpected ways. And strangest of all, Jack Force, the most popular boy in school, is showing a sudden interest in her. Once an outcast, Schuyler is thrust into Manhattan's most exclusive social circle. Its members are the powerful, the wealthy and - as Schuyler discovers - the unhuman. They are the Blue Bloods, an ancient group of vampires, and for centuries they've been invincible. Now something is preying on this elite group and Schuyler wants to find out the truth. But is she the most vulnerable of them all?

Blue Bloods: Within New York City's most elite families, there lurks a secret society: its members are powerful, wealthy - and unhuman. They are the Blue Bloods, an ancient group of vampires. Schuyler Van Alen has never fit in at her prestigious New York City private school. She prefers baggy, vintage clothes to Prada and pearls. But when she turns fifteen, Schuyler's life changes

dramatically: haunted by the death of a classmate, she craves raw meat and finds herself the romantic interest of Jack Force, the most popular boy in school. As one discovery leads to the next, Schuyler finds herself drawn into the elusive social circle of the Blue Bloods—and a mystery that threatens to destroy them all. **Masquerade:** Schuyler wants an explanation for the mysterious deaths of young vampires, and travels to Italy in the hope of finding the one man who can help - her grandfather. Meanwhile, back in New York, glamorous Blue Bloods prepare for the Four Hundred Ball - an exclusive gala hosted by the city's powerful undead but it's at the after-party masquerade that the real danger lurks. Hidden behind the masks is a revelation that will change the course of a young vampire's destiny. **Revelations:** Schuyler's heritage is under scrutiny: is the young vampire in fact a Blue Blood, or is the sinister Silver Blood coursing through her veins? As controversy swirls, Schuyler is stranded in the Force household, trapped with her nemesis, Mimi Force, and her forbidden crush, Jack Force. But when an ancient center of power is threatened, the Blue Bloods need Schuyler on their side. **Romance, glamour, and vampire lore collide in Melissa de la Cruz's best-selling Blue Bloods series.**

All four parts of the new eBook companion to Melissa de la Cruz's Blue Bloods series in one place! The ancient wolves were once proud guardians of time. Now

they are enslaved in the underworld, mere extensions of Lucifer's will. Lawson's pack managed to escape this fate by fleeing aboveground. But when the hounds capture the girl Lawson loves, he will risk everything — including his own brothers' freedom — to win her back. Meanwhile, Bliss Llewellyn is adjusting to humanity after giving up her immortal vampire life. When her Aunt Jane is kidnapped by the Hounds of Hell, Bliss vows to do whatever it takes to save her — even if it means joining forces with the dangerously good-looking boy with a wolf's soul and a too-intimate knowledge of Jane's captors. Plus, enjoy an excerpt from *Gates of Paradise*, the explosive finale to the *Blue Bloods* series! Back in the Hamptons for a final summer, the sun is hot, but the drama's hotter for Mara, Eliza, and Jacqui in the conclusion to the *Beach Lane* series. Mara, Eliza, and Jacqui thought they would be spending the summer apart, but when Eliza's stepmom is in desperate need of a nanny, Eliza calls for reinforcements. And so back to the Hamptons it is... Mara's sworn off romance, and focusing instead on writing a book about being an au pair and an It Girl. But she keeps getting distracted by her ex, Ryan. Eliza is quickly becoming a fashion star—but her relationship with Jeremy is also moving at breakneck speed. Are things moving too fast for her to handle? And Jacqui is just trying to do her job so she can pay for NYU, though it's hard when an Australian photographer is

encouraging her to quit and become a model. Will she take a risk? However these girls survive their craziest, hottest summer yet, one thing's for sure: The Hamptons wouldn't be the same without them. The Beach Lane series is created by Alloy Entertainment, producer of bestselling teen and middle grade series including *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*, *Gossip Girl*, *The Vampire Diaries*, and *Pretty Little Liars*. Originally published as part of the *Au Pairs* series. After inheriting the dark Van Alen Legacy, Schuyler fled to Florence--with her forbidden love, Jack. Now the two of them must embark on the mission Schuyler was destined to complete: to find and protect the seven gates that guard earth from Lucifer, lord of the Silverbloods. As the Blue Blood enclave weakens yet further, fate leads Schuyler closer to a terrifying crossroads--and a choice that will determine the destiny of all vampires.

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Three girls with three agendas and the ultimate destination: the Hamptons. Summer in the city? Way overrated. Everybody who's anybody in New York City summers in the Hamptons. Mara, Eliza, and Jacqui all want a piece of the action,

all for different reasons. So the girls answer a classified ad to become au pairs. How bad can it be, watching a couple of kids on the beach all day? They've got the swank address, the sweet ride, and an all-access pass to the hottest social scene on the East Coast. It's shaping up to be the summer of their lives. They're Young, Fabulous and Fanged. . . And they rule Manhattan from the trendy uptown clubs to the downtown boutiques. Fifteen-year-old Schuyler Van Alen has never quite fit in at her exclusive prep school - she's more of a vintage than a Versace girl - but all that's about to change. . . Because Schuyler has just found out she's a Blue Blood. The Blue Bloods are the city's glamorous - and secret - vampire elite. They're young, beautiful and powerful. But now they're being murdered. And Schuyler must find out who - or what - is behind it before she's next.

In the thrilling, suspenseful new novel from #1 New York Times bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz, all of Ellie de Florent-Stinson's secrets come to light in one eventful evening full of twists, turns, and surprises. Before she became a glamorous fashion designer, Ellie de Florent-Stinson was a trailer-park teen about to turn sixteen. But a night of birthday celebration doesn't go exactly as planned and descends into a night she'll never be able to forget. Now, on the cusp of her fortieth birthday, it appears Ellie has everything she ever wanted: a

handsome husband; an accomplished, college-age stepdaughter; a beautiful ten-year-old girl; adorable and rambunctious six-year-old twin boys; lush, well-appointed homes in Los Angeles, Park City, and Palm Springs; a thriving career; and a dazzling circle of friends. Except everything is not quite as perfect as it looks on the outside—Ellie is keeping many secrets. But hiding those skeletons has a cost, and it all comes to a head the night of her fabulous birthday party in the desert—where everyone who matters in her life shows up, invited or not. Old and new friends and frenemies, stepdaughters and business partners, ex-wives and ex-husbands congregate, and the glittering facade of Ellie's life begins to crumble. Beautifully paced and full of surprises, *The Birthday Girl* is an enthralling tale of a life lived in shadow and its unavoidable consequences.

Lavish parties. Passionate meetings in the night. Bone-chilling murders. Midterms. The day-to-day life of Schuyler Van Alen and her Blue Bloods friends (and enemies) is never boring. But there's oh-so-much more to know about these beautiful and powerful teens. Below the streets of Manhattan, within the walls of the Repository, exists a wealth of revealing information about the vampire elite that dates back before the Mayflower. In a series of short stories, New York Times bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz gives her hungry fans the keys to the Repository and an even more in-depth look into the secret world of the Blue

Bloods.

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A New York Times and Indie Bestseller! Perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Red Queen, this is the first novel in a sweeping YA fantasy-romance duet about a deadly assassin, his mysterious apprentice, and the country they are sworn to protect from #1 NYT bestselling author Melissa de la Cruz. Caledon Holt is the kingdom's deadliest weapon. No one alive can best him in speed, strength, or brains, which is why he's the Hearthstone Guild's most dangerous member. Cal is also the Queen's Assassin, bound to her by magic and unable to leave her service until the task she's set for him is fulfilled. Shadow of the Honey Glade has been training all her life to join the Guild, hoping that one day she'll become an assassin as feared and revered as Cal. But Shadow's mother and aunts expect her to serve the crown as a lady of the Renovian Court. When a surprise attack brings Shadow and Cal together, they're forced to team up as assassin and apprentice. Even though Shadow's life belongs to the court and Cal's belongs to the queen, they cannot deny their attraction to each other. But now, with war on the horizon and true love at risk, Shadow and Cal will uncover a shocking web of lies that will change their paths forever.

From the bestselling author of the Blue Bloods and The Descendants series

comes a fun primer on the witches of East End! The first in the Beauchamp Series, the book features a brand-new cast of characters, a fascinating and fresh world to discover, and a few surprise appearances from some of the Blue Blood fan favorites. It's a page-turning, heart-stopping, magical summer read, fraught with love affairs, witchcraft, and an unforgettable battle between good and evil. But before you read the book, meet the Witches! In this primer, you'll meet the three Beauchamp women -- Joanna, Ingrid, and Freya -- learn a little bit about their special powers, and even get some tips so you can cast a few spells of your own.

This book looks at how popular young adult literature fetishizes virginity. Christine Seifert examines how and why so much romance and dystopian fiction—the two most popular genres in YA lit—have focused on what she calls “abstinence porn”—a phenomenon that has broken out since the appearance of *Twilight* on the market.

Once enslaved in the darkest pits of the underworld, Lawson and his pack were destined to become Hounds of Hell. Escaping to Earth bought them a little time, but their old masters soon catch up with them and take away the one thing Lawson is desperate to keep hold of - the girl he loves. Now, Lawson needs to hunt the beasts he was running from if there's any chance of seeing her again.

When Bliss, a mysterious ex-vampire, turns up on her own search for the Hounds it seems she might hold information that will help. But will she be able to trust this insolent, dangerously good-looking boy when she knows that he has a wolf's soul?

This book examines six different monsters that appear in YA fiction: vampires, shapeshifters, zombies, unicorns, angels, and demons. Beginning with a discussion of the meaning of monsters in cultures all over the world, subsequent chapters discuss the history and most important incarnations of the aforementioned monsters. Titles featuring the same kind of monsters are compared, and interviews with authors provide insight into why they wrote these titles and information on why they are important. The bibliography at the end of the volume includes a comprehensive list of titles featuring the various monsters. Bestselling authors Margaret Stohl and Melissa de la Cruz bring us a romantic retelling of Little Women starring Jo March and her best friend, the boy next door, Theodore "Laurie" Laurence. 1869, Concord, Massachusetts: After the publication of her first novel, Jo March is shocked to discover her book of scribbles has become a bestseller, and her publisher and fans demand a sequel. While pressured into coming up with a story, she goes to New York with her dear friend Laurie for a week of inspiration--museums, operas, and even a once-in-a-

lifetime reading by Charles Dickens himself! But Laurie has romance on his mind, and despite her growing feelings, Jo's desire to remain independent leads her to turn down his heartfelt marriage proposal and sends the poor boy off to college heartbroken. When Laurie returns to Concord with a sophisticated new girlfriend, will Jo finally communicate her true heart's desire or lose the love of her life forever?

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