

Chapter Two: Destined Hearts

The corridor of the Belton Nursing Home was full of sound when Laevius appeared. He could hear people moaning from different directions, but that was a common sound in the nursing homes that he had entered in before. It seemed to him that the moaning was a sign of unrest and that no one could really hear the truth that was inside each one that was secretly crying out for death. Laevius thought that it would be better to help these that want to die than those who struggle with death. As he continued to his appointed task he started to pass a waiting room full of people and decided to listen in. In the center of this crowd where two main people that seemed to be in the middle of an interview. “So Mr. Jordan, I know this is a difficult time for you and your sister, but what do you suppose will become of your mother’s companies and fortunes?” Mr. Jordan, Daniel Jordan, the son of billion dollar entrepreneur Elizabeth Jordan who started a global enterprise by buying abandoned warehouses, fixing them up with high tech security systems then renting them out to millionaires as a personal vault for there larger items of value. She did this all over the world and made billions in the security business. After hearing the question Daniel took a small breath and began to speak; “My mother has worked all her life to make a better life for herself and then for us, I would never consider selling off her companies just to be better off. I want my mother’s efforts in life to continue within our family to honor her efforts and name for time to come. I plan to start off where mother left off as I have been doing since she entered here.” And as Laevius watched he could see that his sister was not so at ease with what her brother had just reported. Amanda Jordan, Daughter of Elizabeth Jordan from her second marriage, was a meek woman who did not live her life in the company of her mother. “Amanda, will you be standing by your brother’s side in his efforts to continue your mother’s name sake?” Amanda could hardly speak; she was more engrossed by the thought of her mother not making it through the night. “Amanda, he is asking you a question!” Amanda could not seem to form words so Daniel spoke on her behalf; “My sister and I will continue without question, mother deserves our loyalty!”

Laevius had heard enough and continued to the room that now was darkened and empty. A lifeless body lay on the hospital bed with a sheet covering the face of Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan. Laevius moves over to the body and touched her big toe which causes Elizabeth’s spirit to be released from her body prison. As Elizabeth’s spirit separates from her body she sees Laevius looking at her. “What just happened? One moment I am eating dinner and the next I see you! Did I just die?” Laevius nods a yes to her. “What the hell just happened?? Could no one revive me?? I pay good money for doctors to keep me well and this is what I receive??” She stops speaking for a moment to overhear her son Daniel speaking “Is that Daniel? That boy has been waiting for this day! He is just as greedy as his father was. The only thing he wants is my money! I bet Amanda is with him, she is just like her father, lazy and a coward! I can only imagine what they will do to all I have done. Well,

no sense avoiding the inevitable, let's get this over with!" Laevieus was amazed at this woman's reaction to her death; she did not once question her destiny. As he started to walk away Elizabeth followed and as before the room is turned into an eternal room of clouds without any top, bottom, or sides. As they start to walk Elizabeth starts to talk to Laevieus; "You know I was once nominated for an award for all the contributions I made to homeless shelters; I also got one by being an honorary guest at the President's goodwill dinner in Washington." As they continued to walk a bright light appeared at the distance and Elizabeth continued also! "You know, I never believed that there was a God, but now I see that there is!" It was something that Laevieus saw so many times through out the centuries; some people could not remember what they were leaving behind and some people could remember it all! Just like with Elizabeth, she could not let go of her body like she could not let go of her life, she remembered it all. As they got closer to the door that stood in the bright light Elizabeth started to question what she was seeing. "What is this door all about? You would think that the gates of heaven would be wide opened to someone like me, I have done so much good for people."

Now they are stopped in front of the door and Elizabeth is at a loss. "Why does it not open for me? In most of my life I had never opened a door for myself! Do I really have to open it?" She looks at Laevieus who now is only staring at her, "I have to do this myself?" She gives an exhale of disgust then approaches the door, as she puts her hand on the knob to turn it and finds that it is locked! "What is the meaning of this? Why is this door locked to me?" She looks at Laevieus as he starts to step back from her. "Why is it locked?" Suddenly a great fear consumes her as she speaks; "have I been rejected? HAVE I BEEN REJECTED??" she screams out loud! Suddenly, as if a roll of film was being exposed by light everything around her starts to dissolve and Elizabeth finds herself falling into a pit of fire! "NNOOOOOooooo" she screams as she falls away from Laevieus who has now turned away from this horrible scene and into the world of the living.

It was always heart retching for Laevieus to see this happen to mankind. He still could not understand this eternal judgment that had befallen upon mankind since the beginning of time. It seemed to him that Elizabeth did things that were worthy of entrance yet she was denied. All her efforts of giving to others did not pay off for her in the end as it happened to so many. Laevieus started to question again within his heart about righteous judgment. One who gave so much to help other through finances and labors still did not make it into the glory of His kingdom! Suddenly a voice; "Laevieus, what are you standing there for? Are you waiting for something?" Spoke the same voice from thin air. "I know that you have been unhappy with yourself about the outcome of man, but you must learn that He knows your heart and understands your plight. You will get your answers soon Laevieus, you will know all things soon, but for now she waits for you." As the voice ended Laevieus looked around at mankind's blindness to Him and to themselves; "How will they know if I do not know myself? How will they believe if I do not believe myself? Was not Elizabeth's heart moved to help many? Was her heart's motives good?" The voice speaks; "Laevieus don't do this, do

not harden your heart but understand and accept that He knows so we should trust. What is truly in the hearts of men is seen only by Him who knows all, do not get trapped by this for they watch and are waiting.” As Laevius looks around he could see the shadows that were following him from the last place that he came from. They follow and listen to those that question the Almighty and he knew what they wanted. They understood that as long as he continued to not accept then they would become greater than he and as so many before him, he would become one of them! They are the lost Spirits who once serviced Him, but now are in service to the one that consumes the lost souls of men.

Laevius turns away from where he stands and almost as if walking through a brick wall enters into a hospital ward where a young child breathes heavily for air.