**Beside your**

“I can not be more than friend with you Ben,” said the girl with long brown hair.

“Alice, please, I promise that I will take care of you,” I said, “You known that no one loves you more than me.”

“But I do not love you Ben,” said Alice.

These are the six words that I hate the most in my life. Every time I have love, I always get these six words back. Every time I hear this sentence, it is like my heart is destroyed again. I have heard this sentence ninety-ninth time since I was born.

“I am sorry that I make a hope for you Ben,” said Alice with her sympathy face.

“It is not your fault, it’s all mine.”

“Can we still be a friend?” she asked.

I just nod back to her. My head is blank now. I can not say any thing to her. I know that she knows my feeling. I feel like I am worthless man. I have a plenty of question coming up in my brain. I want to stay alone for a day.

“Can you leave me alone?” I asked her back, “I will answer you when I ready.” Then I walk away slowly. While I was walking, I think about good vibes with Alice. I walk pass the restaurant that we normally eat together. I walk pass the karaoke that we sing a song together. I walk pass many place with beautiful memory with her but it will not have that moment any more.

There are a lot of power for super heroes to be strong. Have a magic. Have a strong body. Have legs that can run as fast as the light. Though there are a lot of power to make people become stronger, I do not want that kind of super power. I just want to forget bad things in my life. I want to restart my life. I want to make it better.

I stop at the bus stop. I get in to the bus and find a seat. I found the seat at the back of the bus and walk slowly to sit on that seat. I pick my ear pod from my pocket and wear it.

On the way, my phone is ringing. Erin called me.

“Hi Ben,” said Erin

“It’s all end, Erin, it’s all end”

“Are you okay Ben?” “Where are you now?”

“On the way back to my home.”

“I will meet you at the coffee shop in front of your village.”

“Sorry Erin, I just want to stay alone for a day”

“I understand you.” “If you want any suggestion you can call me any time.”

“Thank you so much, you never abandon me.”

“See you” Then she ends the call.

Erin and I have become friend since I was sixth teen. She studied in the same class with me in the high school. She is the one who give me advice of everything.

Suddenly, the bus is stopped. I get off the bus and continue walk to my home. I quickly go to my room and lock the door. After that, I start to crying.

“Why I never fulfil with love, why?” I asked to myself again and again. “Why?”

I feel so tried and then I fell asleep.

“But I don’t love you.” Alice sound coming in my head again and again. It makes me wake up and can not sleep any more.

I look at the clock in my phone lock screen.

“It’s just 9.43 pm”

After that I take a shower and change my cloth. I pick my favorite white shirt and dark blue jean from my closet. I go to my garage and get in to the car. While I was driving, the moment with Alice still coming in my head.

“Why I can’t forget you, Alice,” I said to myself.

I continue drive along the road without any destination. Countless people walk in the sideways but I still feel abandoned. I feel tried with my love. I don’t want love any more. Having love is not suitable for people like me.

On the sideways, people slowly disappear. From the building become the wood. I open the window and sense to the nature. The light from the lamp street start to fade away.

Suddenly I see little brow animal run quickly from the wood. I swerve my car from that thing. The car strongly crashes with the tree.

The ceiling is different form normal. It smells does not like my bedroom. I see my left hand was connected with the IV tube. I feel hurt on my right hand and my head. I see a woman stand in front of me.

“Who are you?” “Where am I?”

“Oh God, finally you awake,” said the woman, “You have got a car accident and sleep for a day.”

“Really?” “I sleep that long”

“Yes” “Get a lot of rest, you will be recover soon” and she go out of the room.

After that the door is opened. Little woman with black long hair come in to the room.

“Good morning, Erin.”

“Are you okay, Ben”

“Better than that day.”

Then I talk with Erin what happen in last three days. Sadness in that day is slowly get out of my mind. It is better to share your problem to someone that you trust. I tell her every thing in that day.

“I don’t want to have love again” “I don’t want to heartbroken any more.”

“Please, don’t think like that Ben,” said Erin, “You will meet that lady.”

“But I don’t want to hurt again with same problem.”

“Trust me, Ben.” She said to me with her confidence that I will meet that girl. “Just open your heart and your eyes.” “May be it has someone that love you but you never know.”

“What do you mean?”

“It means I love you, Ben.”

Two days ago

When I was young I think that love is not necessary for me but after I met him I change my mind. I have known him since high school. He makes me wonder shake every time we met. I need to hide my feeling when I stay with him because I do not want him to leaves me. Only watch him from this place is enough for me. If we become more than best friend, one day we need to say good bye.

*Bringgg,* Janet called me. Janet is the only one who know my secret.

“Hello Erin, did you that Alice deny Ben feeling?” asked Janet.

“Really?”

“She just told me before I call you.” “Alice said that he looks not fine now.”

“I am going to find him.” “Thank you, Janet.”

Or this is a chance for me to get closer to Ben. Then I pick up my phone and call him.

“Hi Ben.”

“It’s all end, Erin, it’s all end,” said Ben.

“Are you okay Ben?” “Where are you now?”

“On the way back to my home.”

“I will meet you at the coffee shop in front of your village.”

“Sorry Erin, I just want to stay alone for a day”

“I understand you.” “If you want any suggestion you can call me any time.”

“Thank you so much, you never abandon me.”

“See you” Then I end the call.

His voice looks terrible. I hope that he will be fine soon. Moreover, his voice tells me everything. Our relationship can not be more than friend. I never stay in his heart. Look after him is only thing I can do.

I lay down on the bed and close my eyes. Why you never love me Ben.

*Bringgg,* a loud noise sound from the headboard. That sound makes me wake up. I little by little open my eyes. I pick my phone from the headboard. My thumb touches the green button.

“Erin, Ben got an accident.” It sounds like Janet but I don’t hear what her said clearly.

“Hmm, I can’t hear you clearly”

“Ben got a car accident and now he’s in coma!”

I change my cloth immediately. I go to the hospital as fast as I can.

When I arrived, I see him sleep in the bed. His right is covered by the splint and his head is wrapped by the bandage. His heartbeat and blood pressure still in the stable rate

“He is out of the wood,” said the doctor, “Don’t be worry.”

Doctor’s words make me relieve. I should tell him my feeling before I never have a chance any more.

I sit beside him and clasp his hand. Then the door is opened. Alice is coming. She walks quickly to Ben. She stops in front of the bed.

“It is all my fault,” said Alice.

“It’s not your, it is an accident.” “No one wants this happen to him.”

“But if I didn’t ignore to his love, he will not be like this.”

“You don’t need to blame yourself.” “I will look after him for you Alice.”

“Thank you Erin,” said Alice “When he wakes up, tell him I’m sorry for everything.”

“Okay.”

After she go back home, there are many people visit him. All ninety-ninth women that deny his love come to visit him. How can he pass that moment ninety-ninth times? He is the strongest man I ever known.

I look at the sky though the widow. It is dark now, I need to go back home. I sit beside him again and hold his hand.

“See you tomorrow, Ben.”

In the next morning, I open the door and see Ben revive already. I can’t tell this felling in to the word.

“Good morning, Erin,” said Ben

“Are you okay, Ben”

“Better than that day.”

After that he talks about what happen in last three days.

“I don’t want to have love again,” said Ben, “I don’t want to heartbroken any more.”

“Please, don’t think like that Ben” “You will meet that lady.”

“But I don’t want to hurt again with same problem.”

“Trust me, Ben.” “Just open your heart and your eyes.” “May be it has someone that love you but you never know.”

“What do you mean?”

I collect all of my courage and tell him the sentence that I keep it in my mind for many years.

“It means I love you, Ben.” “Do you hear me, I love you.” “Before I met you I never think love is real but now I know that life will not have reality with out love.”

The surround environment is silenced. The sound of the air condition is the loudest.

The man can not say any thing.

“Can you start new love with me?” asked Erin, “You don’t need to forget Alice now, I will cruel your heart with my feeling.”

“But if we can’t fit together can we become friend again?”

“Of course.”

The time was passed. Both Ben and Erin passed through many obstacles together. Have beautiful moment that stay in both of them heart. Ben can fully forget Alice and other ninety – eight women. Ben become fall in love with Erin and they live happily ever after.