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## THE LOST CITY

### **Prologue**

'Are there hundreds of snakes here just waiting for us to turn up?' said Loretta Sage to Alan Casiper. 'Delete, Delete, Delete.' The hundreds of snakes on the floor vanished. Loretta and Alan stood up from the floor. 'What if there isn't anything in there?' asked Loretta. 'Are you coming?' asked Alan, walking towards the tomb door. 'There's just one way to find out.' said Loretta Sage.

#### Chapter one

Loretta Sage signed her name on the cover of the book, 'The Lost City of D.' Then she went into her bathtub and took a bath while she was drinking champagne.

After half an hour, Loretta finished bathing. She looked at her watch, which had just rung and went to dinner.

The next day, Loretta went to the backstage in a hotel. Loretta took off her white coat, revelling her shiny, pink jumpsuit. Her best friend Beth said, 'I know you don't like this Loretta...' Behind them, a women took pictures of Loretta. 'Why is she taking my picture?' Loretta asked Beth. 'This is Allison, Loretta, the photographer.' The three of then walked towards the stage. 'And take these off,' said Beth, taking off Loretta's black glasses. A voice from the stage called, 'Now, we welcome to award-winning author of the book, 'The Lost City of D,' Loretta Sage!' 'Go on,' said Beth. Loretta went onto the stage and sat down a stool. 'Will you dance with me, Loretta Sage?' said Alan Casiper. Loretta got up and they danced together, applause came from the audience when they stopped. 'Have any of you got

any question to ask Loretta Sage?' shouted Alan. 'Yes,' yelled back one of the audiences. 'Tell him to take off the shirt!' Loretta went over to Alan and tugged at his hair. It came off, it was a blonde wig and Alan fell to the floor.

'Sorry, Sorry,' said Loretta.

'That was completely ridiculous,' said Beth. When Loretta and Alan came back to the backstage. 'I'll leave you two here, now.' After Beth left, Loretta stood up and went out of the backstage with Alan following. She went into the kitchen of the hotel. She and Alan argued all the way out of the hotel. 'It's this way, said Alan.' 'No, it's this way,' said Loretta. She turned and walked out the hotel doors. Loretta glanced over at the security guard and kicked the rubbish bin next to the hotel doors. The security guard walked over to her, and Loretta said, 'sorry, sorry, I will pick them up. Can you call me a taxi?'

The security guard walked away, and Loretta picked up the rubbish and threw them into the rubbish bin. Then she went into a black taxi. Before she could shut the door, two persons came in, one bald and one black sat on either side of her, then she was driven away.

#### Chapter 2

Loretta was driven to a large building. The two men dragged her out of the taxi and into the building. They went into a lift and as the lift door open, Loretta said, 'Am I taken?' The two kidnappers dragged her into a large room and shoved her into an armchair. The boss of the kidnappers went in front of her and said, 'I read your book about the Lost City, the tombs of Calaman and Taha had a crown of fire. I believe you can be the one to find the treasure. I am going to show you something and I'm sure it will make you very happy.' He took out a box and opened it, inside was a map. 'I need you to translate what it says,' said the boss of the two kidnappers. 'Do you want to go to the Lost City with me?'

'Well, I must refuse,' said Loretta. 'But think of the gold and treasure we can find there, and it can be all yours,' said the boss of the kidnappers. 'There isn't any treasure in there,' said Loretta. 'I'll bring you to a place on my plane,' said the boss of the kidnappers. A strong wind suddenly blew, the glass doors in front of Loretta were opening, a plane was landing – then everything went blank.

#### Chapter 3

'Loretta's kidnapped,' Alan said to Beth and Allison. 'We can find her location on her phone,' said Beth. 'I've got it.' 'She took out Loretta's phone and searched for her location. 'She's on a plane?' said Beth, showing them the location. 'She couldn't have swum,' said Beth. 'Because she can't swim that far.' 'I'll call for help,' said Alan. He called Jack Trainer, the secret investigator. 'When is she kidnapped?' asked Jack Trainer. 'Three hours ago,' said Beth. 'Can we find her tomorrow?' asked Alan. 'We'll try, but we might be too late to save her.' said Jack Trainer.

Loretta woke up on the plan. 'Where am I?' she said, looking at the boss of the two kidnappers. 'Why do you chain me here?' 'You're on my plan.' 'I'm getting off your plane,' said Loretta. She pulled off the seatbelt and stood up. Before she could walk more than two paces, she tripped and fell onto the floor. One of the kidnappers put poison in her again and she fell asleep.

When Loretta woke up, the plane had landed. They reached a beach. They got off the plane and went onto the

beach. They walked for five minutes before reached a pair of gates. Someone standing inside opened the gates for them and they walked inside. They went into a tent and the two kidnappers dragged Loretta into a chair.

'Leave one hand free, she still got some translations to do,' said the boss, as the kidnappers tied Loretta to the chair. 'You translate this,' said the boss placing the map of the Lost City of D in front of Loretta. 'I'll come back in the morning.' 'They won't leave until they know I'm safe,' said Loretta. 'Thinking about your many cats, are you?' said the boss. 'Oh, I don't have cats,' said Loretta. Then the boss and the kidnappers walked out of the tent. Loretta saw that one of the language on the map means, 'rest'. So she fell asleep with her head on the table.

The next day, Alan and Jack trainer set out to save Loretta. Before, they got into the car, Jack Trainer said, 'stay in the car, while I save her.' 'All the time?' asked Alan. 'All the time,' said Jack Trainer. They got in the car and drove away.

Loretta was woke up by a loud bang on the table. She looked up and saw the boss standing in front of her. 'What?' she said, the map she was told to translate was sticking to her face. 'What?' 'I was about to invite to the breakfast,' said the boss. 'But it seems that you have fallen asleep so translate it again. 'This means rest,' said Loretta, referring to the map. 'So I'm resting.' 'Translate it again,' said the boss, leaving the tent again.

Alan and Jack Trainer reached the front of the gates. 'Remember, stay in the car all the time,' said Jack trainer. 'Can I at least do the part when Dash says, "You're safe now," after you've got her,' said Alan. 'You can say that.' said Jack Trainer. Then he climbed over the gates and jumped in. He fought the security guard and everyone in the whole place. Behind him, Alan climbed in also. Finally, Jack Trainer and Alan reached the tent where Loretta was in. 'Miss Sage,' said Jack Trainer. 'We're here to rescue you.'

'Why are you so handsome?' said Loretta. 'Let's go,' said Alan. They couldn't take of the ropes that tied Loretta to the chair, so they took the chair with them. As the ran out

of the tent, a crash came from behind, the whole place was on fire! They ran out the gates just as Loretta heard the boss of the two kidnappers shouted, 'Why is everything burning?'

After they went out of the gates, Jack Trainer said, 'You're safe now,' 'Who are you?' asked Loretta. Before he could answer, someone fired a bullet at them. They turned to see one of the kidnappers, the bald one, firing bullets at them with a gun. Alan shoved Loretta into the car as a bullet hit Jack Trainer. Alan went into the driver's seat and they drove away.

'WATCH OUT!' yelled Loretta as they drove to a cliff. Alan stopped driving and looked behind and said, 'You are safe now,' But Loretta wasn't there. Alan got out of the car and looked down the cliff and looked everywhere but still, he couldn't find Loretta. 'Alan,' said a voice from somewhere. Alan turned around and saw Loretta lying on the ground, still tied to the chair. He went to her and cut the ropes off. 'Is that a nail cutter?' said Loretta. 'Yes, it is,' said Alan. Let's get a phone and call for help. We need to get out of here, come on,' said Loretta. Loretta and Alan climbed

down the cliff and grabbed the phone which had fallen out of the car. The glass was shattered, and it was not working. 'No phone, how are we going to get out of here?' said Loretta. Loretta and Alan climbed backed up the cliff and Alan gave Loretta mineral water, cheese and a pair of boots. 'Are these mountain boots?' asked Loretta. 'Yes,' said Alan. 'For mountain climbing.

The next time someone throw a gun at you,' said Loretta. 'Catch it, don't duck, not just ripping your shirt off all the time.' 'Wouldn't it be better if you said, "Alan, catch the gun" said Alan.

'Dash brings a white horse with him when he saves people and you don't even have one with you,' said Loretta. 'All right, then I'm never Dash.' Said Alan.

'Come on,' said Loretta. 'I'll drive.' As they went towards, the car parked next to the cliff, it fell over the cliff.

Beth got off a plane and went to the security guard at the airport. 'I need to get to this place tonight,' said Beth. 'The driver's sick,' said the security guard. 'I need to find a friend who's gone missing,' said Beth. 'The driver's sick, 'repeated the security guard. 'You'll have to wait till tomorrow morning.' With that, he walked away. Someone, smiling widely, went to Beth and said, 'You said you need to go there, didn't you? I can take you there in my plan and after you've found her, we can go to the beach. 'Have you ever murdered anyone?' asked Beth. 'No,' he said. 'Because if you did,' said Beth. 'I'll make sure I murder you first.'

Loretta and Alan went out of the water. Loretta looked behind her and saw the two kidnappers and their boss coming from behind. 'Climb up the cliff,' said Alan. 'How and I going to climb up there with this jumpsuit on?' said Loretta. 'You can climb up, beautiful, come on,' said Alan. I've never said I'm not beautiful,' said Loretta.

Loretta and Alan climbed up the cliff and soon reached the top.

That night, Loretta poured a bottle of oil on some wood to make a fire. 'I made fire!' said Loretta. 'Haven't you got

any ointment or something?' she asked, as Alan had been bitten by a blood-sucking worm.

'Yeah, but you've already used it for the fire,' said Alan. 'You can use these instead,' said Loretta, getting out three face masks. 'I can make this work.'

'I think it's a bit cold,' said Loretta after sticking three face masks on Alan's back. Should we sleep in here?' 'Together?' said Alan. 'Yes,' said Loretta.

When Alan was asleep, Loretta climbed out of the hammock and pulled out the map of the Lost City of D from the inside of her jumpsuit and examined it. The next day, Loretta saw the boss of the kidnappers and the kidnappers casing them in the jungle. Loretta and Alan rand and hid in a bush. 'They'll never stop chasing us,' said Alan. 'That's why we're hiding?' said Loretta. 'I have a plan to make then think they've got us.'

'Was it the wind?' asked Loretta. 'No, I think they think it's you,' said Alan. 'The wind could have done that,' said Loretta. She picked up the stick that had half of her jumpsuit on it. 'What are you going to do, put them back together,' said Alan. Loretta used the stick as a hiking stick, then they walked on.

Loretta and Alan walked to a small village. They went in and went into one the houses. (Loretta's grandma lived in that small village.) Loretta took a bath and changed into her off-shoulder red dress. Then she went out into the garden and danced with Alan. While they danced, Loretta's grandma sang, 'Deicdoice laie la teiecsce heaeaave helaede dei lieye tecs tiesca hea deilae Healasidec laciacedc.... Healidicica dilacesaca la de larsoca.'

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'Thanks,' said Loretta.

Loretta and Alan left the village. A truck was outside the village, the door opened and the boss of the two kidnappers came out. He grabbed Loretta and pulled her into the truck. Then he drove the truck away. 'He's not going to leave until he knows I'm safe,' said Loretta.

She took a glass of wind and poured it onto the floor and a fire rose from the floor. Loretta climbed up the stairs and climbed out. Alan had climbed to the top of the truck also. 'Get in,' said the boss, and Loretta and Alan went into the truck. 'There isn't any treasure in the Lost City of D,' said Loretta. 'Miss Sage, this is about real life, not just stories,' said the boss.

After almost an hour, they reached a sea. Loretta, Alan, the boss, and the kidnappers climbed into a boat, and they sailed away. They reached and island and Loretta saw a very small tunnel ahead. They went ashore and the boss said, 'Go into the tunnel, it'll lead to the Lost City of D.' 'It's impossible, it's too small,' said Loretta. 'Just crawl in,' said the boss. 'Get in now or I'll shoot you with my gun.'

#### Chapter 4

Loretta climbed into the tunnel. After fifteen minutes, she reached the end of the tunnel and went out. Then Alan, the boss and the kidnappers went out. Then Alan, the boss, and the kidnappers went into the tunned after her. 'See? It's completely safe,' said the boss. Loretta walked on and she reached the entrance to the Lost City of D. 'Find the crown of fire,' said the boss. They searched, but of course there weren't any treasure. Finally, they find out that the crown of fire was nothing but a token of love from Calaman to Taha. It was just made of inexpensive shells. The boss was disappointed and furious. 'Get into the tomb,' said the boss to Loretta and Alan, pushing the rock that hid a tomb open. Loretta and Alan went inside and lay in the tomb, then the boss pushed the rock back in place.

The boss and the kidnappers climbed into the tunnel and out, facing the sea. Then both kidnappers went into the boat that took them, the boss, Loretta and Alan to the Lost City and sailed away. The boss raised his gun and fired bullets after them, but they had gone.

Beth and the person who had drove her to find Loretta on his plane were on a boat towards the island where the Lost City was. The boss saw the boat coming and threw away his gun and shouted, "Over here, help!' Beth saw him and shouted, 'Have you seen my friend?' She had dark brown hair and brown eyes.' 'No, the boss yelled back.'

Back in the tomb, Alan saw something in the tomb. 'This can help us get out,' said Alan. 'He could have left it there on purpose,' said Loretta. Alan used the thing to push the rock aside. It worked and they went out. They climbed into the tunned and the y reached the sea. Loretta and Alan dived in and swam. Loretta surfaced after fifteen minutes, she saw Beth on the large boat. 'Beth!' She shouted. Beth saw her as Alan surfaced next to Loretta. 'Alan,' said Loretta. 'I thought I killed you.' Loretta and Alan got onto the boat. 'The book release was a complete disaster,' said Beth. The boss of the kidnappers was sitting on the boat. When he saw them, he ran and Beth sail, 'Why are you running, you're on a boat.'

The next day, Loretta, Alan Beth, and Allison went to a beach. Allison read the book, 'The Lost City of D,' to Loretta's grandma.

'They stood facing each other next to the sea.... and he looked directly into her dark brown eyes, as love went between them,' Allison finished reading the book to Loretta's grandma. Loretta walked towards Alan, and they stood looking at each other next to the sea.

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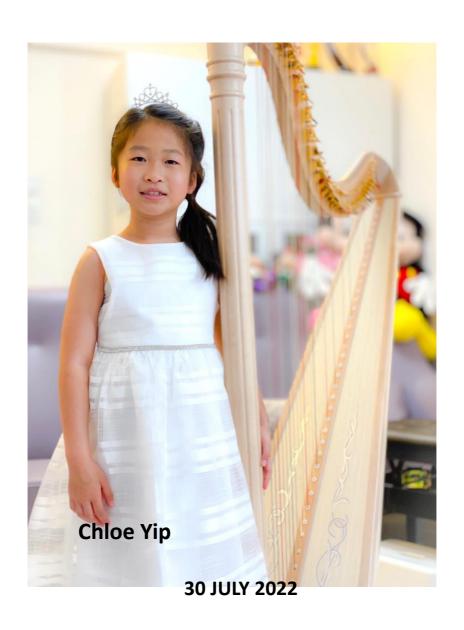
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I watched the movie — The Lost City — on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022. I could still remember every plot about the movie while I wrote the review.

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