## THE FEARLESS QUEEN

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On a quiet and cold dawn, a royal princess named Jasmine had woken up earlier than the birds nesting around her room. Today, Jasmine had tons of agendas neatly scribbled in her little diary. Starting from work related to the kitchen, social activities outside the palace, even meetings with leaders in the palace where she lives now. You must be surprised about the reason for her busy life that she will live today. She did this all for the preparations she had lived her whole life and this was what she had dreamed of. She would be a future leader who will inherit the throne of the kingdom. The Sultan, who was her father, was very supportive of her with various preparations of knowledge and experience. That was why Princess Jasmine often took part in social and royal activities.

As she rushed to carry out activities and was heading to the location of her first activity, Jasmine was reminded of last night's events that made her even more fiery to work and even woke up much earlier than the sun.

Last night, it happened that Princess Jasmine and Rajah, her tiger, wanted to visit her father's room for a casual chat. Unexpectedly, in the room there were also Jafar and Lago, his parrot. Jafar was at that time talking to the Sultan. Jasmine approached the room with the intention of joining in on the conversation and perhaps gaining more knowledge.

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However, it turned out that they were discussing her position as a candidate for the heir to the royal throne. She could hear the intonation, it seems that this is a pretty tense conversation. Jasmine continued to approach the room.

"What?!.. What do you mean Jasmine will be a strong candidate to inherit this royal throne?" Jafar exclaimed with a wrinkled forehead and a high intonation.

The Sultan was silent with Jafar's voice, who doubted his daughter. But he just sighed and replied "Of course she is a strong candidate, she has..."

"No, no, you don't understand... She is a woman! She shouldn't rule this kingdom! We've never had a female leader even for 10,000 years!" Cut Jafar with an increasingly smoldering expression.

"She shouldn't speak and make decisions for everyone, she should only marry someone... Her life would be easier if she was only seen, not heard" Jafar said as he reorganized the emotions that had spilled over earlier.

Since she had already heard that she was belittled by one of the royals, Princess Jasmine decided to defend herself by entering the room and talking to Jafar.

"What do you mean, I can't decide anything and lead this kingdom, Jafar?" Jasmine said in a low, intimidating tone.

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"You see, you should just sit back and be quiet, marry someone and live an easy life! You've been given an easy life, Jasmine!" Jafar exclaimed who could no longer contain his emotions because Jasmine was already in front of his eyes and against his idea.

"You don't know anything... I've been preparing to inherit the throne for a long time! I've explored a lot during my growing up, I've read a lot.."

"Read experience? But you can't read experience, princess.. The books you read are not even important, and that's all you have, and you are confident with that?" Jafar again cut someone's sentence.

"That's precisely what you don't know, I have participated in work activities with my father, I have led social activities outside the palace, I have determined and resolved a number of injustices out there, I have read many books that you consider unimportant, I have studied law, all of this for the sake of inheriting the throne! You can't underestimate me because I'm a woman, Jafar... You can't even control your emotions to talk to people..." explained Princess Jasmine who had been trying to be patient.

Jafar was silent, as well as his parrot, which had been silent for a long time, now looked away from Jasmine. Rajah continued to sit quietly next to Jasmine as usual to protect the princess. The Sultan looked annoyed and seemed like he wanted to say something, but he

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discouraged his intention to speak.

"You may leave now", said the Sultan.

Jafar immediately left the room with footsteps that really showed that he was angry. His forehead is still furrowed.

Princess Jasmine finally decided to forget yesterday's events and continued on her way to complete the daily tasks that had been waiting for her. However, the events of that night will remain strong in her memory. Because of that incident, Princess Jasmine was determined to continue to carry out all her duties properly and establish herself as someone who could not be underestimated in the kingdom. She just realized that there were also members of the kingdom who greatly underestimated women to fill the position as leader. She would not be swayed just because Jafar belittled her. The Princess knew her worth and greatness. She did not care about the ridicule of other royals who wanted to take her down. All she knew, with that she would be a future queen who would lead this kingdom until the end of her time.