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Summary:

“ Tiger’s Quest”, an unbelievably compelling sequel of “Tiger’s Curse”, has captivated boundless of readers around the globe by its repletion of electrifying adventures as well as stirring love trials. It all began with an immemorial curse inherited in two charismatic Indian princes, Ren and Kishan. Being hemmed in by the virulent curse, they were forced to live their lives in tiger forms, which would ebb away their humanity eventually. Just as the princes were at the brink of collapse because of their overshadowed destinies, their lives accidentally

intertwined the lives of a remarkable girl, Kelsey, who in no time, altered the princes' lives radically.

Throughout the venture of breaking the first part of the curse, Kelsey soon realised that meeting Ren wasn't merely an encounter chance or a fluke in her life; she was destined to fall in love with him. However, just when Kelsey was totally enraptured by the potent love, a horrendous nightmare inexorably took away her soul mate- Ren was captured by a malevolent warlock, Lokesh.

Emboldened by the vehement love to Ren, Kelsey gallantly embarked on an adventure to break the curse in hope of grabbing a clue which led to Ren. Kishan, Ren's brother, accompanied Kelsey in the journey. During the forage of the clue, Kelsey incessantly cracked down under the burden to save Ren and the incredible phobia of losing him. However, it was Kishan who tugged Kelsey out of the torrential wave of despair and uncertainty again and again. Out of the altruism of

Kishan, a unconceivable truth soon unearthed: Kishan fell in love with Kelsey.

Kelsey once again fell into a dilemma as she found that it was exceedingly hard to choose between these two charming men. However, Kelsey managed to adhere her love to Ren because of her faith and belief. At last, Kelsey and Kishan pulled the mission off. They found the Divine Scarf, a valuable element to break the curse, and successfully located where Ren was incarcerated.

During the battle with Lokesh, Kelsey showed her uncanny wittiness and power, which defeated Lokesh. However, when Kelsey was elated to finally save Ren, Kelsey was pummeled by the hardest punch on her heart ever, by the fact that Ren obliterated all memory of her completely as if he hadn't met Kelsey in his entire life.

Comment:

After reading the summary, how do you feel? Do you think Kelsey was so ignorant that she opted to save

someone who wouldn't remember her? Do you think Kelsey shouldn't have fallen in love with Ren in the first place? For me, despite the unpalatable outcome, Kelsey has still made the right choice. The reason is that the writer won't just utilize this faulty love story to show sympathy towards the three protagonists; instead, behind the façade, the writer has concealed several lectures.

First and foremost, this book edifies us the perseverance when facing hurdles. Do you think picking up the threads of your life without someone you love is a piece of cake? Certainly not! However, Kelsey could press ahead with the journey because she had the spunk to continue. Deep down she knew that if she didn't carry on, Ren's death would be a certainty. Nowadays, many of you choose to cringe away from discomfitures. This attribute will absolutely be crippling as it will just become a shackle which encumbers you to reach the pinnacle of your life. However, once you persevere, you will find that life isn't as hard as you think and one day,

believe me, you can spread your wings across the sky.

The second thing is that the story lets us realise the importance of comrades in lives. Kelsey surely couldn't have endured the overwhelming twinge of losing Ren. With Kishan reaching out to her, she no longer needed to bite the bullet by herself. Today, many teenagers think that teammates are handicaps who will just hinder them as they think that reaching a so-called 'consensus' with teammates is just a waste of time. However, I can assure you that camaraderie is instrumental in success. No one is flawless. We all need someone to plug our loopholes. With someone supporting you and offering precious brainchild when you are undergoing the toughest time in your life, I am sure that your confidence can be boosted, which will definitely leads you to the perfect road in the long run.

Last but not least, it tells us to possess the guts to try. Kelsey wouldn't have known that Ren would forget her in hindsight, but she was still willing to give it a shot.

Live is an experiment. Without an audacious attempt, your life will just be a bland and uneventful expedition as you will never have a chance to flex your muscles. We are not prophets. We all can't be privy to the outcomes of our decisions made. Despite that, Einstein and Newton still managed to make our jaws drop by proposing hypothesis which become the robust cornerstone of modern science development by plentiful trial and error. Indeed, sometimes lives won't go without a hitch, but at least you have tried, and this is the clincher to all success.

Therefore, being a fusion of an affecting love escapade as well as thought-provoking lectures, "Tiger's Quest" has absolutely become the most successful novel ever written.