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Buried in the Stars

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Thank you, Mom and Dad,  
for giving me everything I needed in order to be who I am.

Love you!

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## **Prologue**

The first time Sutton Winters ever came to my rescue, I was twelve years old. Disheveled, distraught, and curled into myself, I didn't hear him approach until he was right above me, blocking the sunlight from my eyes when I Buried in the Stars glanced up at him.

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“Are you lost?” he asked.

I didn't quite trust my voice yet, Buried in the Stars so I just shook my head and tried to hide my face in the crook of my elbow. Before I could get settled back into position, though, he was squatting in front of me, putting his warm fingers under my chin.

“Hey, let me look at that.”

His warm eyes were focused on the nasty cut on my face, but mine were on the ground. I didn't want to look at him and see pity reflected back. That's all I ever saw when people looked Buried in the Stars at me. Buried in the Stars I was growing tired of everyone feeling sorry for me.

I wanted something different here. We were forced to pick up Buried in the Stars and move when my last school starting noticing the marks on my body and stopped buying my excuses. I guess it was too much to ask that my mother would have been scared into sobriety with this latest move and the fact that social services was hot on her heels again.

“Let me take you to my house,” he said, his voice steady and calm. “My mom can clean this up for you.”

“NO!” The single word came out much angrier than I intended. He didn't back away or even bother to drop his hand from my chin. It felt nice there. I'd nearly forgotten what it felt like being touched in a gentle manner, and I immediately felt bad for screaming at him. He certainly didn't deserve it. “It'll be Buried in the Stars okay.” The marks she left on Buried in the Stars my body always seemed to heal with little or no lasting effects.

It was the marks on the inside that always seemed to linger.

He put the tiniest bit of pressure on my chin and forced me to shift my gaze from the pile of leaves by my feet to his face. I knew in Buried in the Stars that moment that this boy was not Buried in the Stars someone Buried in the Stars that would hurt me. Somehow, right then and there, I knew that he would do what he could to protect me and keep me safe. For the first time that day... for the first time in many days, I smiled.

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