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Dear Sister,

Soul Mate

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For it was not into my ear you whispered, but into my heart. It was not my lips you kissed, but my soul.

- Judy Garland (Commonly attributed to, unknown original source)

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Dear Sister,

I actually have an issue to bring up with you. Your husband's pawns nearly killed me and my future wife. That said, do you remember Aedee'l Onyei? She's the daughter of the freighter captain that runs the line for the Tech Knight systems and ATP. We met her eons ago, but you were very into your own world at the time, so I doubt you'd remember her. Well, during the course of my apprenticeship in the Tech Knights, I had seen her more often and had grown rather close to her. In fact, we began sending netmail messages back and forth.

Her father's ship, the *Daybreak*, is the ship that brought me back to New Earth. During the rather lengthy voyage, we grew even closer than before, and I found myself falling feet up for her. She's wonderful, sis. So thoughtful, so intelligent, and just amazing.

I told her my feelings for her, and she replied, "I had fallen for you almost immediately after we met. I've been waiting for this day for quite some time, knowing this day would come."

It seems she has been waiting all these years for me. Quite patiently, too, I would say. According to her father, just this year alone she had turned down a couple eager young men who had asked for her hand.

I spent a day or two alone in prayer after that conversation. The following conversation with God went something to the effect of:

"God, is this really it? Is she the one?"

Do you want her to be?

"What type of answer is that?" No response came to that question, but I could almost feel a patient stare awaiting a reply. "Yes, yes I do."

That is your answer.

"Then, should I pursue this relationship? Should I marry her? And when, because with where You have me heading... I don't see how this will work."

There's a reason she knew before you did.

"She needed more time than I would to be ready for marriage? I guess in her eyes, we've been courting for a few years now."

Yes.

"So, should we get married right away?"

Ask her father.

"Ah, yes, that would be wise."

After talking to Aedee'l about it, I did just that. When I talked to her father. I barely got a sentence out about marriage when he rushed into a tight, warm embrace and said, "Of course, son! And I know what you're planning. We'll have the ceremony as soon as we reach New Earth! We have several weeks left before we reach it. That should be enough time to invite and get your family to the ceremony, and all our family is on board." His deep chuckle at himself made me smile as well.

"Oh... Okay," was all I could manage to say.

"You sound surprised! I have loved you like a son since I first met you! And I've known about how my daughter has felt for some time now. Besides, I had a dream last night, one of those ones that are hyperrealistic and supernaturally precise. I said no to you in the dream... and we were attacked by pirates who took Aedee'l as their captive. You rescued her, and immediately following that you were married. Then I saw another scenario of myself saying yes, and we all stood on New Earth where I preformed the ceremony. It also made me realize that this life is so short. Why should we wait when you guys have been heading toward this point for years?"

I wish someone had informed me of this direction. Apparently, everyone but me knew we were destined to be. I can see it so clearly now: All the messages and meetings in the past. It just wouldn't have been the same if they had told me. But I'm usually blind to these emotional situations. Sis, I can tactically out maneuver some of the greatest minds, but when it comes to something like this... I'm beyond short sighted.

I sent my messages through the Aurora relay; we were in orbit there for the next week. I couldn't keep the smile from my face. It was as if my best dreams ever were made better and had come into reality. Then disaster struck.

We ran into a young woman who went by the name of Siri Adieka and a young man who looked like my doppelganger, lighter skin and larger eyes though. We were puzzling out who they were or how they got on, we had already met all the new passengers from Aquaterra, there weren't many. They were dodging our questions.

They attempted to leave, saying, "Anyway, it was a pleasure to meet you, Fell and Aedee'l. Blessings on your wedding, but now we have to be goi..." but before we could delve deeper the ship was attacked. They had no way of knowing we were getting married either. Very strange.

As the corridor plunged into darkness, I realized we were about to be boarded. Aedee'l also realized what was going on and asked, "Pirates! But how did they get past our defenses?"

"I don't know, But I can handle the pirates," I said.

The man put his hand on my shoulder, saying, "Alright, listen to me, Fell... Don't do it."

"What?" I turn to the young man.

"The pirates, don't fight them. They are the Radiant Destiny Raiders, and are being supplied by Omega. God sent us so I can take your place, but you need to go, take Aedee'l and go. Don't do anything until the time comes. My friend here will go with you. And don't blink."

Omega, your husband.

"Why shouldn't I blink?" I asked.

His friend took my arm to lead me away, "He thinks he's funny."

"You're laughing on the inside, I know it," he had replied.

I felt a familiar tug inside of me. "Wait, here, take my katana, or they may not believe you are me." "Thanks."

With that we went deeper into the ship. I have no idea what happened to my doppelganger. I do know that several minutes later the pirates left. They took most of our supplies and the from the security footage we saw them fire a weapon that sent a large energy net that stunned the man. When the attack was over, I went to speak to his friend, but she was gone.

Before Siri left, she told us some things I'll never forget. I'm not going to tell you everything, most of it was for just me and my bride to be. But the main thing was that she had been in a similar place as I had been. The man who looked like me had been waiting for her for years, having a similar experience to Aedee'l. That this situation wasn't as crazy as I might think. She told us not to rush, though, but not to delay either. That we should go on His timing, without fear, without haste, and without delay from what He says. We believe we are to marry sooner than later.

So, on that note, assuming you can keep that husband of yours from killing me or my bride, you're invited to the wedding. It's only a few days away, but you're my big sis, and I want you to be there. Even after everything you've done. So please, if you get this message in time, come. The details will be in an

attachment. And don't worry, I'm not telling anyone in our family about your invite. You don't even have to show your face if you're afraid of someone trying to arrest you. Just leave some sign that you were there and I'll know.

Until we meet again, with love,

your 1il brother, Fell Peter John Skyhawk