

I Am



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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

Hello.

You know who I am. In all your ignorance you assume that you know me very well. You're probably wrong, if this is the case, then you're going to be left feeling a certain way about me in the very near future. I'm anxious to see which direction you'll sway. However, if you're right, then I feel sorry for you. No, that's a lie. I don't feel sorry for anyone. Not anymore. I used to, but we'll cover that when we get to it. One thing I can tell you now – soon, everyone will know me very well. I will be impacting everyone and everything, and you may not understand why.

Everything happens for a reason – or, so they say. These words have often been used as an excuse for the impact I’ve had on the world, as if they offer some sort of magical comfort. I’ve stuck around, I’ve watched the lives I’ve impacted. I can assure you, those words do next to nothing regarding the damage that I have done. Truth be told, there really aren’t any words that undo what I have done. There probably never will be, because what I do is reach into your life and take away from it. I reach my hands into the world and I pull from it daily. Many do not understand why, but helping you to understand is not my place, nor is it the point of this story. No, understanding isn’t necessary, despite how much your hearts and minds seek answers and every excruciating, tedious detail.

This story is because I’ve finally decided it’s time to let you get to know me a little bit better. In all honesty, I’ve got a hard job, especially challenging to me when I first signed up for it. I didn’t know how challenging it would be to complete the tasks that are set before me each day. I can assure you, in the beginning, it wasn’t easy – and every so often, I can’t help but feel

the need for struggle. But every assignment is a task that needs to be completed, and if I fail, the entire balance of the universe would shift. In an event like this, the consequences would be unavoidable. Think of it as taking one life to save many, except it's a schedule, taking several lives and shifting things into place. Doing this allows others a minimum of at least one more day.

Don't be upset with me. It isn't always my fault, my choice, or even my assignment. Human beings, for example, are some of the most diverse creatures I've ever seen. Some are cruel, some are unstable, mentally or emotionally, and some just lack that part of their brain that is supposed to provide them with self-preservation.

What is it about showing off, attempting stunts that make you popular, or wandering out into a dangerous environment out of sheer curiosity that consumes the human existence to the point of depleting it. The stupid decisions that people make are not an issue to me though, it makes work easier, and there isn't a need for remorse. Yes, even I can feel remorse. I used to feel it often. Occasionally, I feel it again. To be

honest, there are things in this world I see among human beings I'd rather do without completely, but, I didn't create the universe – I merely work in it.

You're probably wanting answers already, wondering to yourself about when I'm going to let you in on the secrets of how I came to be and why, and how I can be avoided. Well, I'll let you in on one of those right now. I can't be avoided. When your time is up, that's all there is to it. Sure, there are moments where we take someone with full intentions of bringing them back, but those are few and far in between. That's right – that person you know who died but was revived? We planned that right from the start - usually. Plans change, you see, and there have been many last minute and unexpected additions to my list, as well as names removed in similar fashion.

I have a lot to say and am going to let you in on many of the personal experiences I have endured. My goal through this is to give you further understanding of who I am and what I experience. It's easy to know what it feels like when you lose someone, or for some of you

there's even a chance you've encountered me on a more personal level, but what you don't know is what the encounter is like on my side of things. Hopefully, through this journey together, you'll gather answers to some of your questions, maybe even find comfort or peace from loss you've suffered. For others, it could be difficult to endure, and you may not be able to complete this journey with me at this moment in your life. I assure you, though, for most of you, the day will come when this journey will aid you in a deeper, more meaningful understanding of who I am.

We start now, with proper introduction. My name is Death. I have always been Death. In fact, I have simply always been. I've existed from near the beginning. Soon after Life, I arrived. Should everything come to an end, I will be one of the very last things to exist. I am a chain-link to the foundation of creation. I work alongside many factors and carry many names.

I appear differently to different people and creatures. To some, I arrive with bright lights. To others, I am but a peaceful feeling that overwhelms them, a tingling sensation that brings them to a final rest. Some think of me as

an angel, others imagine a being, a fellow human, or even a god. I am none of these things. I am my own entity. I am my own being. I am wholly, unchangeably unique. I work alongside Life, Love, Hate, Pain, Sickness, Age, Mother Nature, and many other factors in the universe. Throughout this story, I'll share experiences and interactions I have had with many of these factors.

It isn't always easy working with other entities. I almost never work without another universal factor around. We don't communicate with one another – it's easier that way, though in certain moments, we can't help but share a glance between us, often of remorse or empathy. When all is said and done none of us carry easy responsibilities, and the pressures of keeping the universe in tact can be frustrating, particularly when assignments change. I often dislike when my assignments change. You'll learn a few examples of this as I share some memories with you throughout my stories.

When it comes to proper introductions, I believe I've covered all I can in this short time and the best way for you to get to know what I am is through experience. My only hopes are

that upon completion of this book, you will be more enlightened not only to what I am, but why I must be.