



Forgiveness: An Excerpt from Kali

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and when you said: i love you, i flinched

is this love?

overpowering?

ruthless?

deaf?

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and when i said no, it wasn't a suggestion

there were no nuances to my no.

all that i ask is that you hear her out next time

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so when you say you love her

she will feel

liberated.

loved.

heard.

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i hope life treats you better than it has before

i hope you stop hurting the people you love

and i hope you learn to listen

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