

FRONT COVER



U 4 EA ... a voyage of the heart and soul

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based on 'OPO's "U 4 EA"



"the island, the dream... love beckons a longing heart"





Chapter 1

This is a story about Jay, a helpless romantic who decided to take a summer sail to a tropical island in search of love. When he arrived at his destination, he was greeted by a group of hula dancers. He was immediately infatuated with one of them named Lehua, whose passion in life was dancing. They talked briefly and she seemed to have taken a liking to him. As he walked away, she said "*see me again sometime, okay!?*" and she kissed him on the cheek.



Jay hopped in to a cab and headed over to meet his friend Kimo at his place. Kimo was a local island resident who worked on the sailboat that brought Jay over from the mainland. He kindly offered Jay a place to stay for a few days.



That night, while lying in bed, time seemed to pass so slowly. Jay's restless thoughts constantly turned to Lehua. He wondered

when he would see her again. Jay couldn't sleep. So, with the full moon to light his way, he decided to take a walk down to the beach to clear his head. Instead, he ended up obsessing over Lehua. Just the thought of her dancing ignited the fire of his heart's desire. Jay was sure that Lehua was the one for him. Now, he had to figure out a way to make her understand how he felt.

Although Lehua made Jay feel like he was running around in circles for a few days, after a short pursuit, he finally got his wish and they became a couple. Jay was a happy man. After all, she was the *"brightest shell on the beach"* as he would say.



Chapter 2

Jay and Lehua dated for a while and their relationship was going well, or at least it seemed to be until it turned confrontational. They started to argue constantly, blaming each other for anything and

everything. Then one Saturday night, they both had enough and they broke up. Luckily, Jay had borrowed Kimo's motorcycle. So he fired up the Harley and headed for the North shore never looking back.



While on the road, depression set in. This caused our voyaging fellow to do some soul-searching. Seeing two bridges on the road ahead, Jay decided to park the bike and descend a path to a beautiful, tropical river. A little spiritual walk and talk with God was just what he needed to renew his focus and recharge his batteries.



Feeling much better, Jay got on the road and hastily continued along the coast back into town.

Chapter 3

As Jay pulled into town he saw Kimo and some of the other fellas hanging out in front of the village market. It was "*party time*" and he wanted to get together with them for a much-needed night

out to blow off some steam. " *Hey bruddah, no need twist my arm, let's go!*" Kimo said with a laugh and off they all went.



At a nightclub by the Bay, Jay saw this beautiful local girl, Pua, whom he had known since his arrival earlier in the summer and was always attracted to but was already dating Lehua at the time. Well, now he was a free man and with encouragement from his friends, decided to take a chance on love again. Besides, she was well-known as a caring, fun loving person in the village which he found very desirable.



Chapter 4



Jay and Pua had a great time together. They shared many of the same interests like shell hunting and surfing. They loved to "*shred the pineapple*" a term they used for power surfing at one of the islands many beaches.



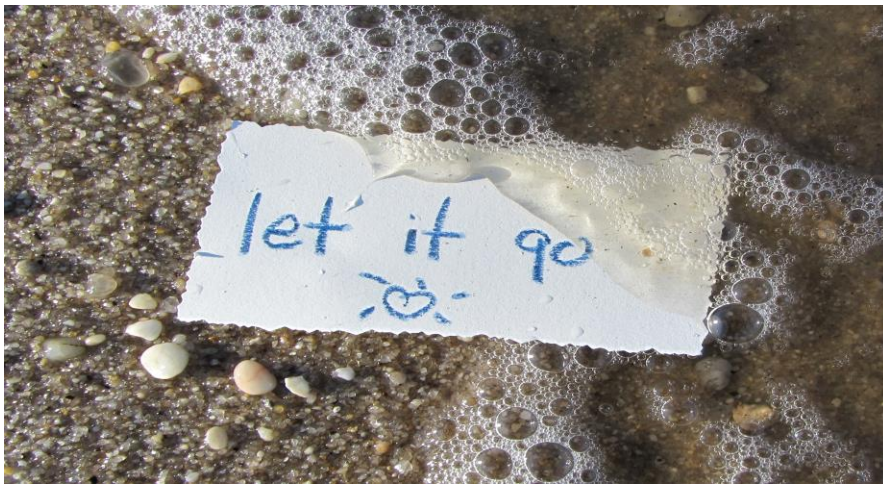
Desiring a deeper relationship, Jay would take Pua on long romantic nighttime walks down to the old sandbar where they'd run among the "stars on the beach" and share their dreams. Sometimes they would end their evenings bayside with a nice bottle of wine.



They grew closer to each other every day but Pua seemed somewhat aloof at times, like she was harboring some deep pain. Feeling frustrated, Jay again turns to The Creator for direction and inspiration. This gave him the strength he needed to carry on his pursuit of her love.



Jay and Pua continued to enjoy each other's company. They liked going out day and night and had a wonderful time just being together. Still Pua kept thinking about her past, seemingly not able to let it go. All those times her heart had been broken had left her cautious and afraid of commitment. This had made her become very stoic; unwilling to show her true feelings. Broken hearts are hard to mend.



Chapter 5



Summer had to come to an end. It was time for Jay to sail back. Still he wanted to know one thing, if Pua really did love him.

Because if she did, he would promise to return next summer.

When Jay arrived dockside, he saw Pua waiting there to meet him. Kimo was already on the boat. *"Come on bruddah, we leaving soon!"* Kimo anxiously exclaimed. *"Just wait a minute"* Jay said, *"That ocean aint going nowhere!"*

Jay turned his attention to Pua. She looked so beautiful standing there with the ti leaf/orchid lei in her hands that she had made just for him. Jay was very happy to see her and hugged her tightly but he had to know... *"If you love me, just tell me"* he said with an sense of urgency in his voice, *"We don't have to throw this all away."*



Tears began to fill Pua's eyes followed by a slight smile. She slowly leaned over and put her lei around Jay's neck. As she did, she whispered in his ear *"you for ea"*. Jay pulled back with a puzzled look on his face and said *"euphoria?"* *"In my language,"* Pua replied, *"ea means life. Yes Jay, I do love you and I will be here for you. So no worries, this love in my heart will be waiting for your return next summer... you for life, you for ea"*. With those words from her lips, both of their lives were changed forever. They

sealed their promise to each other with a long, passionate kiss.



"Come on Jay, let's go!" Kimo shouted from the boat". *"Okay, Okay"* Jay said and he gave Pua one final kiss before he boarded.



Jay started the summer looking for love, but it seems love found Jay. With the promise from his new ipo (sweetheart) Pua, he felt assured that their future together would be secure. So as Jay

departed and sailed off into the sunset, he was a little wiser and much happier, for he knew where he would be next summer.

From the boats bow Jay watched as Pua's silhouette along with the island's coast slowly faded into the distance. Jay grabbed ahold of the lei around his neck and as he looked towards the shore, he sent out a promise carried on the wind." *And next time Pua, I'll never, ever go away. You for life, u 4 ea, u 4 ea...*"



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BACK COVER



"U 4 EA", a phrase that would forever change the life of our young voyager. Come and join Jay as he sets sail to a distant, tropical shore in search of adventure and love. Inspired by the music of 'OPO's "U 4 EA", E. D. McFarland's short story follows Jay to a place he's never been before and take us all along on his island escapade.

So open up your ebook, put in your 'OPO "u 4 ea" cd, turn up the music and enjoy the journey. See you when you get back...