



# Elephant Love



The village was under attack and Sami was trapped. Fire engulfed the area and her family was gone. Tears streamed down her face as screams echoed in the distance. The calm night sky offered no solace tonight and the moon watched on with content. The owls of the night, who so frequently visited, were absent as smoke filled the area.

Sami's shock began to wane, and her eyes narrowed in on the door. She ran through flames and made her way to the jungle. "Get her!" came a voice. With adrenaline pumping through her veins, she ran. Her thoughts were with her lost family back at their home, but her mind was focused on surviving.

The footsteps behind her were growing ever closer and her energy was fading. Out of the shadows, a giant figure appeared and roared like a lion. It ran past Sami and began swinging its enormous trunk at the ensuing assassins. Their arrows bounced off its skin and their cries were heard through the night. Sami stared in disbelief as her savior destroyed the enemy.



The noises faded. Sami stood her ground as the ginormous elephant made its way towards her. The beast's eyes, soft and inviting, fixed on hers. Its wild temper no longer apparent. The elephant kneeled before Sami and she obliged, climbing onto its back. The pain of her family's death hung heavily on her heart, yet she was happy to be alive, and at the same time, bewildered at what had taken place. Who was this elephant and why had it helped her?

