

"Eternal Blessings"

After taking up residence at her Indian guru's commune, a woman's loyalty is pushed to the brink when she's asked to help assassinate a commune rival.

Setting/synopsis

1975-1985, the New-Age movement; framed around the belief that self-inquiry and self-awareness were required to reach peak human experience.

Attracted by the positive messaging of the movement, 18 yr old Jennifer convinces herself that she can become a fully self-realized being and experience a new state of consciousness. But when Jennifer realizes she has zero experience in the area she looks instead to a medley of eastern holy-men and their emissaries who have re-branded themselves for the new-age generation.

With their live-and-let-love motto and alluring red wardrobes, the "Rajneesh" group easily stands out. Guided from afar by their Indian guru, the group also touts an edgy manifesto, novel therapies and a communal lifestyle. Jennifer embraces the group and their guru who, she learns, is on his way to the U.S. When word reaches her that the guru's arrived, Jennifer's path takes a jagged turn; from Seattle's bright city lights to a dusty outpost carved across Oregon's high desert wilderness.

Fueled by the zeitgeist, Jennifer commits to the group, and their plans for a utopia in the desert. In time, her loyalty is noted by a commune staffer who asks her to join a security cell assigned to protect the guru.

The decision becomes a fateful one when Jennifer discovers the cell's been ordered to gun down a government official; unable to stop them, she braces for the unimaginable...

But ill-suited as assassins, the plot fails, sending the cell into disarray and Jennifer in an all-out race to alert the authorities.

Her sentence served, she starts a new life, vowing to keep the guru's orbit as far away as possible, until one day, in spite of her efforts; she is pulled back, through a time portal, to Oregon.

Theme

Eternal Blessings follows Jennifer and Nicholas as they navigate their complex relationship against a backdrop of personal struggles and past traumas. The narrative intertwines their present lives with flashbacks to Jennifer's youth, exploring themes of identity, spirituality, and the impact of past events on their current reality.

The story unfolds with a mix of dream sequences and real-life challenges, highlighting Jennifer's journey towards understanding and healing.

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