

The Charm from Delhi

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Jeremy Lucas had a way of always coming out on top. Thirty-five years old and still good-looking as ever, Jeremy was already a Vice President at Archer Toy Company. What did it matter that his rapid rise up the corporate ladder was advanced so quickly through underhanded measures? The results, not the means, were what mattered to Jeremy and he was a master at getting the results he wanted, no matter what he had to do to get them.

Though married to his college sweetheart, Rachel, Jeremy was a regular indulgent in extramarital bliss, easily explaining his frequent absences to his submissive yet loving wife with tales of business matters needing attention. With his successful career boosting his lifestyle, a devoted wife catering to his every whim, a string of mistresses fulfilling his every sexual desire, and a \$6,000,000 inheritance just waiting to be his, Jeremy felt like he was untouchable.

In the snowy mountains of Cascade, Wisconsin, Jeremy wrecks his car. Looking for shelter until help arrives, huddles inside a tree trunk and there finds an ancient amulet with a peculiar inscription. Jeremy thinks he may have found a good luck charm. Returning to work, he is further convinced of the charm's lucky powers when Catherine Dunne, a sexy, young woman with close ties to the family owning Archer Toys, enters his office for a most stimulating and innuendo-filled job interview, leaving Jeremy with the overwhelming feeling he has just met his next mistress. He is one lucky guy! Or is he?

If Jeremy could have read the inscription on the back of his good luck charm, *Our choices determine what will become of us*, he may have realized that his luck was about to run out. As the powerful message of the charm is revealed, Jeremy experiences the "great and terrifying beauty of karma" as his life quickly unravels and he is left to face the ultimate consequences for his evil deeds and actions.

Fast-paced yet thought-provoking, *The Charm from Delhi* is a morality tale with a worldly twist. Though the action seems to move a little too quickly at times, leaving little room for true character exploration and reader involvement, the plot is at least mildly entertaining and the empowering message it shares is one well worth listening to.

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