## The Myth of Rhys

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Rhys was a fiery girl who lived in Celestial which is the planet of heavens and stars. It is the same as Earth but on the other side of the universe. Celestial had lots of space for many living things, but others couldn't find it. Rhys was the only person who had found it; the only living thing there.

On that planet, our feelings are our friends. It may be anger, sadness, happiness, love, or even confusion. They would come to you in different forms, and you had to be wise enough to know who to choose as your friend.

Love was the ruler of that planet, but hate was trying to take over everything. Parts of Celestial were already full of hate, but love was trying to manage. Aelia, god of that world, had made a rule regarding Celestial. The rule was that whomever stops the feelings from conquering Celestial will reach the highest point of life. Living in me is what the highest point is.

Rhys faced every form of the feelings and started being friends with them. She tried to keep her distance with each, but she was everyone's best friend. Hate was too eager to be the only friend so that Hate could conquer Celestial through Rhys. Love was trying, but shyness and depression were the only ones giving advice to love. Love was getting destroyed minute by minute.

Even Rhys had forgotten who she really was by trusting the feelings, not herself. One day she realized that she wasn't the one making decisions for herself; the feelings were. Hate was getting more powerful, and she was just a toy for hate. Rhys decided to sit in a corner alone and start remembering who she really was, the girl full of fire and will power who could do whatever she desired to. Right at that moment hate entered and started talking about cutting the roots of love which could only happen with Rhys help.

Rhys stood up and said, "No, no one can rule over me and this planet".

She turned into a big fire, burnt every root of friendship she had with the feelings. Again she felt empty on the inside. Hate was so scared that it made him kneel on the floor. Love felt free like before and started watching Rhys. The feelings were frozen.

Rhys shouted "From now I'll rule over the feelings, not the feelings ruling over me." Right at that moment everything exploded into glitters, and a messenger from Aelia came. The messenger said "Oh dear, you have passed a big part of the exam of 'Self Realization". Everything here was to see if you would understand that you rule the feelings in you, and not the feelings ruling you. I'll take you to Aelia since you are wise enough to meet our sun. With astonishment Ryes took the hands of that angel and went to meet Aelia, the great sun. Celestial turned into shining glitters and sparkled in the universe forever.