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 Wars are ugly; apparently the ugliest side of the human society. Wars create distances among the most loved ones and can bring together those individuals (or countries), who never thought to come close. However, sometimes, you have to push someone away intentionally, someone you love the most, someone you can never think of losing. . You have to push them away yourself, for a bigger benefit, for a greater aim. This is what exactly Elena had to do.

 Elena was very happy with Robert. They had been together for almost a year now and were soon planning to get married. Robert loved Elena very much and whenever he went out of the country for a mission or some meeting, he never forgot to bring presents for her. In their more than twelve months-long period of togetherness, Robert had to leave the country many times for important missions and operations but for short spans of time. He also went to different locations out of the station but he never forgot to meet Elena occasionally.

 Being an old and experienced army officer, he never forgot his duties as well. Robert was famous to handle most sensitive missions very tactfully and his higher management trusted him immensely with sensitive data. But all of sudden, his health started deteriorating, Robert kept falling ill very frequently and started taking leaves on very regular basis. Whenever he was on leave, he used to stay with Elena to get better, as she was the only family he had. Suddenly, one day, Robert was on sick leaves, his department got the news that he passed away. His death shocked everyone as everyone knew that his illness was not of fatal nature. When the authorities visited Elena's place, they found Robert’s dead body but Elena was nowhere to be found. Robert’s laptop, mobile phone, ids and many important files that he had were missing from his drawers. The secret agencies searched the whole house, but found nothing, except a note, tucked in the pocket of the brave soldier. “Everything I did, I did for my country.”