

Prompt: Every morning, you check your calendar app to plan your day. One morning, you notice a new recurring event has appeared on everyone's calendar worldwide: 'The End - Do Not Delete.' The date is set for exactly one year from today, and despite global efforts, no one can remove it."

A DATE WITH THE UNKNOWN

Rea: Lex... I had a dream about us

I had a dream, Lex. It felt so real—I could taste the air, feel the warmth of his hands in mine, hear the way he laughed... I laughed...

Soft and unbothered, like the world had no weight. It was just us, and that was enough.

I don't remember exactly where it started. Maybe we were at the Ethereal Sea? Yeah... the beach. In the dream, I always loved the water—the way it danced without care. I remember my red dress fluttering in the wind...

My feet barely touched the sand as I ran ahead of him, turning back just to tease.

He had that look in his eyes—the one that made my chest tighten.

The dark aura he carried, the one everyone ran from...

But I stayed.

Like I had found something too precious to hold, yet too sacred to let go.

God, Lex, he was so handsome. And he was mine.

We spent the day wrapped in each other, talking about nothing and everything.

His voice felt like home. I remember us making stupid promises... how we'd grow old together.

We'd have a small house with a big garden. We'd name our kids after constellations. We laughed because none of it made sense—but it didn't have to.

We had time... so much time.

Or at least, I thought we did.

I—I don't know what happened next. Honestly... I don't. One moment, I was holding his hand, and the next... he was gone.

Just gone.

Lex: Rea, this is the third time you've had this dream. Why don't you call him?

Rea: Call him and say what, Lex? That I miss him? Do you realize he's a Novai and I'm an Infinite?

I reached for my phone to check my calendar app and plan my day.

Rea: Lex... have you seen this? (Showing her my phone.)

Lex: What's that?

Rea: It's a notification. Can't you read it?

Lex: Why did you set a reminder for "The End" in a year? And what's ending?

Rea: I DIDN'T... I just opened my calendar, and it popped up on my phone.

Lex: Okay, I'm lost. (Picking up her phone.) You just... what the—

Rea: What?

Lex: It says the same thing on my phone. Boldly.

Rea: What do you think is going on? Do you think the Solverse will actually end in a year?

Lex: That's crazy. Stop talking nonsense.

By the end of that day, everyone across the world had that same notification:

"The End - Do Not Delete."

It was strange that this was happening worldwide,
But no one knew what it meant.

Later that day...

Lex: Why don't you contact HIM? He should have an explanation for why everyone in the Solverse has this notification.

Rea: I won't be doing any of that.
I could get killed if I go anywhere near the core of the Celestial Realm. What if another Novai sees me there?

From days to weeks to months...

It's been nine months since that notification appeared, and nothing—nothing—has been able to clear it or explain it.

There have been theories, obviously. But none of them actually stick.

No one knows what's going to happen on that day.

Everyone is just anticipating—

"THE END - DO NOT DELETE"

Novai and Infinites:

- https://infinitylabs.fandom.com/wiki/Infinity_Labs_Wiki#KNOWN_FACTIONS

The Ethereal sea scene:

- https://infinitylabs.fandom.com/wiki/File:Scene_0031.png

- <https://infinitylabs.fandom.com/wiki/File:0011.png>

Lore tweet:

<https://x.com/lauraeigbe/status/1893052034342949026?t>