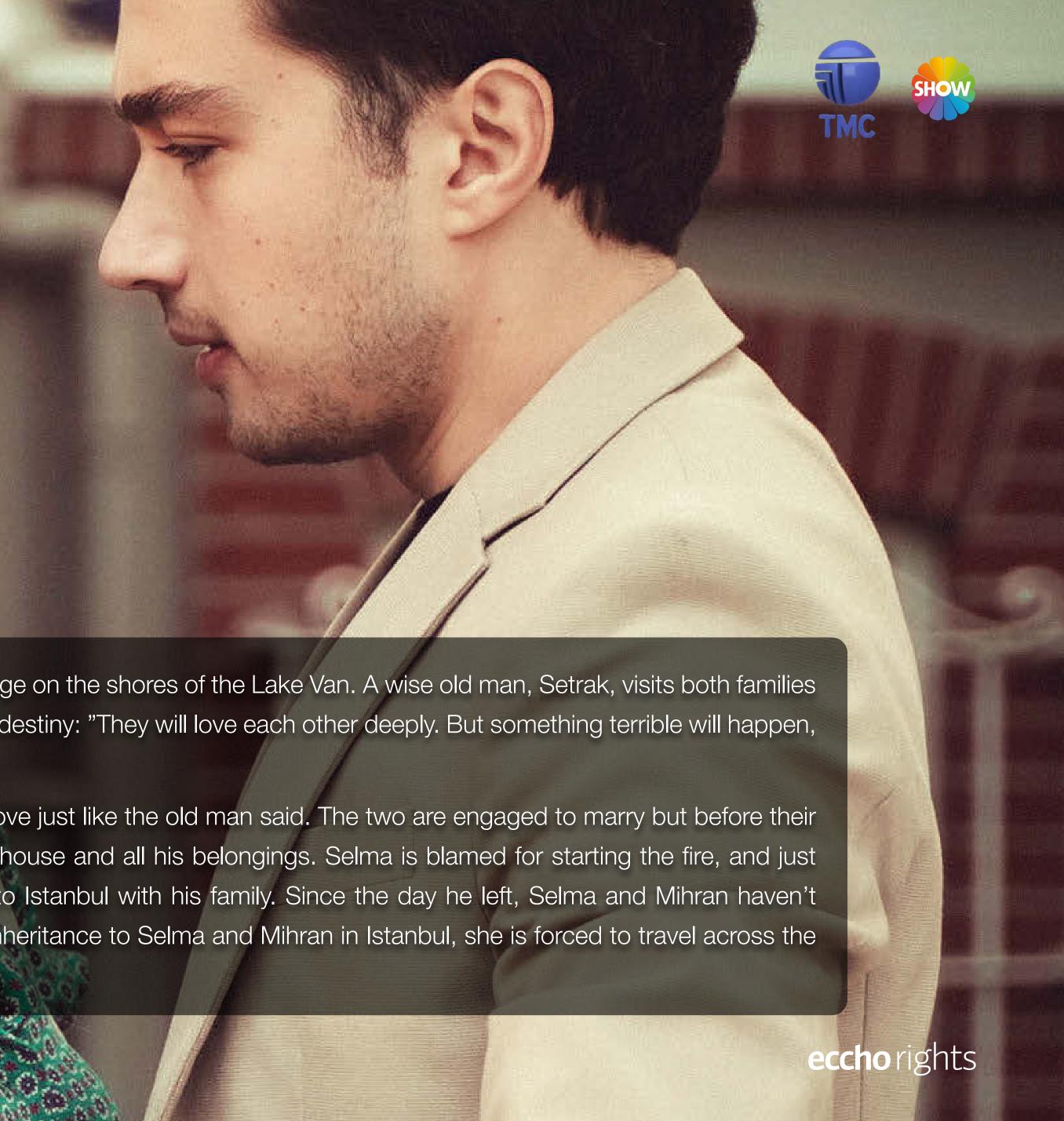


#### **Forever Toget**

29 years ago, a boy and a girl were born at the same time in a village on the shores of the Lake Van. A wise old man, Setrak, visits both families and tells the parents that the babies are meant to share the same destiny: "They will love each other deeply. But something terrible will happen, and they will part ways," he said.

Years pass by, Selma and Mihran grow up, and they really fall in love just like the old man said. The two are engaged to marry but before their wedding day, a fire breaks out in Van, in which Mihran loses his house and all his belongings. Selma is blamed for starting the fire, and just as Setrak predicted, the relationship ends, with Mihran moving to Istanbul with his family. Since the day he left, Selma and Mihran haven't exchanged a word. But when Setrak dies, leaving a mysterious inheritance to Selma and Mihran in Istanbul, she is forced to travel across the country to reunite with her childhood love...



Selma hops in the car to Istanbul with her little sister Leylim and their cat. While she has gotten used to a humble life, Mihran is living life to the fullest in Istanbul, and is about to get engaged to the beautiful Alya. Selma finds him, tells him about their inheritance, and how they can only claim it if they go together to see a lawyer. But to their horror, they find out that all they've been left with is an old, wrecked house, that can't be used without investing a lot of money in it. Selma, who was desperately hoping to sell the house because she is broke, is dissapointed, but determined to make things work out for herself and her sister.

Time goes by and eventually, as the wise Setrak once said, it appears that Selma and Mihran really do share the same destiny, with their lives inevitably intertwined. And while it wasn't part of his prediction, after the long separation, a new romance is kindling between the two, one that they can not resist...

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# SELMA

Selma is from Van, in the far east of Turkey. She is a young woman in her late twenties. Her life was turned upside down by a fire years ago. But she hasn't let it get her down. She is optimistic, funny, and a hopeless dreamer. Now, after traveling to Istanbul with her younger sister, in the hope of getting things right, she sleeps in her car, goes to shelters and feeds herself in soup kitchens. She doesn't lose her faith even when everything turns into a mess. And life does not let Selma's hopes go to waste either: She gets a job at Atakan's coffee shop, and can start to make real changes, living a life closer to the fairytale she had dreamed of. She now has a big family, from regulars in the coffee shop, to Atakan's mother and aunt. The only thing missing? A man to share that life with...





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Mihran doesn't believe in fairy tales but he is the hero of his own story. He is a jeweler who studied at university in Istanbul. His charm and good looks might be a gift from God, but working hard is something life imposes on him, because he lost his father at an early age.

Mihran took care of his mother, aunts and even his cousin who could not get it together. He still picks up after his family. With his clothes, the way they are ironed, his cologne, his walk, his tone of voice: Mihran is a complete man-about-town. He has always been successful. He does not know about falling nor failing. Later on, Selma's clumsiness and her plunging into his life will affect also Mihran. He will risk failing for the first time and will embark on an unexpected adventure with Selma.

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Mihran's cousin. He is cheerful, modest and down to earth - a man of the people. Mihran is a planner, Atakan is a fatalist. He's funny, casual, entertaining. He has always been compared to Mihran but he chose to be what Mihran is not. Atakan opened a beautiful and stylish coffee shop in one of the most popular neighbourhoods of Istanbul. He's always in debt because he doesn't like bookkeeping. But Atakan does not give up, he always finds a way. One of these ways connects him with Altan, who develops a bit of a crush on him...



# KIYAAET

Mihran's aunt is a widowed woman with three children. After losing her husband, she started running his breakfast restaurant specialising in the Turkish dish "menemen" and providing for her family. She's a strong and ambitious woman and her only wish is to see her children stand on their own feet in life. She is a very supportive mother. But Kiymet forgot about how love feels since she lost her husband. Even though she is living in a big house with a crowded family, she's aware of the fact that she's alone. But one day she meets a competitor in the restaurant business and she remembers all the feelings she had long forgotten.



## ALAN

She is a barista at Atakan's coffee shop. A bit of a tomboy, when she leaves the coffee shop in the evenings she goest to the boxing gym. Her biggest dream is to open a boxing school for girls. That's why she saves money frantically. Altan has a problem that she keeps to herself and doesn't share with anyone. The story is that her father was a violent abuser to her mother when she was a child. Unable to protect her mother at the age of eight, Altan was determined to protect everyone she loves when she grew up. But this cordial girl becomes stiff when it comes to love, though she has a real soft spot for her boss Atakan.





Hakim is from Menemen. He comes from outside of Istanbul and opens a "menemen" shop - a diner that serves breakfast - right across the road from Kiymet's restaurant. Even though he seems to be rich, in good spirits, and to have a good business going, he has a big secret that he can't reveal to anyone.



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