

THE ART OF SECOND CHANCES

A Christian Romance Novel

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Chapter 1: Unexpected Returns

The bell above Sage & Stone Gallery chimed as Maya Chen pushed through the glass door, her arms laden with canvases wrapped in brown paper. Eight years in New York City had changed her—refined her artistic technique, sharpened her business sense, and taught her hard lessons about the competitive art world. But returning to Millbrook felt like stepping back into a cherished photograph, where everything remained beautifully unchanged.