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I hope this copy will satisfy your needs. I am curious to know how Ella's story was twisted around out there - how about writing me on it?

Sorry this response is so delayed. Marva and I spent the first part of March in Philadelphia (we hoped to contact you but never had the opportunity), and upon returning we had a difficult time tracing down the original copy of the Era. However, we managed to find it, so now can comply with your request.

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