

Different Creatures

(Sides)

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Characters:

Alan: Male, 18-25

Emi: Female, 18-25

A bedroom. Emi and Alan are in bed, post-coital. He is pleased. She is restless.

ALAN

Wow. That was really...

ALAN

Amazing.

EMI

Amusing.

ALAN

And on a first date. Really... unexpected.

EMI

It was a first, for me.

ALAN

It was... really? For you, ever? That's- wow.

EMI

You're surprised.

ALAN

Yeah, a little. I mean, it didn't feel like a first.

EMI

What's a first feel like?

ALAN

I dunno, it's just- more difficult, I would think.

EMI

And I was easy.

ALAN

I just mean, you seemed very experienced, to me. Capable.

EMI

I am capable. But it still could've been a first. It's instinct, right? Our bodies know things.

ALAN

Right, they do. So are you saying it wasn't-

EMI

It wasn't *mine*, no, but it was a first something, for us, as a something. You know?

ALAN

Yes, but- "a first", you said- was that just a joke?

EMI

No. It wasn't funny. Just a game. We can make believe.

ALAN

I'm not much for games.

EMI

You don't like losing.

ALAN

No. Well, I don't, but- I just don't like playing games.

EMI

Right. You're a serious guy. This is serious business.

ALAN

It's not business, but- serious, I mean, yeah, I take it serious. Seriously. On a first date, I don't...

She ignores him and puts on a pair of black dress socks.

ALAN

You don't have to leave.

EMI

My feet are cold. So: socks. Do you like my socks?

ALAN

Those are actually my socks.

EMI

I've conquered them. You want to fight me for them?

ALAN

You can wear the socks. But they're still mine. I've had those since high school.

EMI

If they're on me, I own them. In them, I own them. But we can fight, if you want. You're looking at me.

ALAN

Yeah, I think you're cute. You're funny. In socks.

EMI

But not without socks. Am I funny to you only in socks? You should laugh, if I'm funny.

He laughs, awkwardly. She laughs too.

ALAN

I just mean- it's strange- the things we are, in different things. The different ways we look. I mean, two minutes ago, you looked like, you know, something super-sexy, and now... socks are just funny.