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Short Story  

It was a warm day in the beginning of May; the birds were chirping and the sun was shining so brightly. A young girl was waiting by a window in her house; even though the day was bright and cheery, she was not. She felt blue, dull, and dreary. This teenage girl had just had surgery on her foot. She was stuck, attached to her crutches for months on end, waiting for the day she would able to walk again. The pain sometimes became unbearable and the cast was so bulky and heavy. She had just found out that her boyfriend had cheated on her and she felt so alone and insecure at the time. This girl was just in a very bad place. As she waited for her mother to get home to take her to the doctor for her foot, she just sat there on her bed and thought about how terribly sad she was. She couldn’t do anything; she couldn’t walk; she couldn’t drive; she couldn’t go out and have fun with her friends, and it was really hard for her to do anything herself without losing her balance and almost falling over.  

Ten minutes later, her mom came home and she got in the car to go to the doctor. She expected no one to be in the waiting room because there never was; there was usually only one to three other people waiting in the room. When the girl and her mom walked in there was a room full of elderly, almost every seat in the room was taken. It was packed. The girl looked around, scrambling for a seat because she couldn’t stand for too long. She scanned the room and found one seat left right by the door; it was next to a teenage boy. The girl began to put her crutches to the side and started to sit down; as she began
sitting, she turned her head to look at the boy and noticed how incredibly handsome he was.

The boy’s striking appearance made the girl very nervous to sit next to him – it almost took her breath away. It made her so nervous that when she sat down she looked at the boy and apologized for sitting there, her face turned the color of a tomato; she couldn’t have been anymore embarrassed.

The boy replied to her saying it was okay.

The girl's mother, who was sitting across the room, kept glancing at her, reading the girl's lips as she was trying to tell her how cute the boy was. For the next five minutes, the girl and the boy sat next to each other in absolute silence. Then, two old women saw that the girl and boy were wearing matching medical boots and said, "Aww! Look how cute those two are with their matching boots on!"

The boy and the girl both looked at each other in complete embarrassment. The boy asked the girl how she had gotten the boot, and she explained that she got hurt playing soccer and how she had to get surgery on her foot.

The boy explained that he had gotten his boot because he had broken his foot while running because he tripped over his own foot, and they both laughed. They went on to talk for a while, but the girl had butterflies in her stomach the whole time so she had to look at the ground while she spoke to him.

A few minutes later, the boy got called into the room for his appointment. He told her it was nice talking to her. The girl’s heart was racing faster and faster as if she had just met the love of her life. She couldn’t sit still. Her face became flustered, and she couldn’t get that stupid smile off her face.

A few minutes later, the girl got called into the room for her appointment. The nurse led her into the room where she would place her foot in a therapeutic foot bath for about twenty minutes to relieve some pain. As she sat in the room with her
mom waiting for the time to pass, she could not stop thinking about the boy and how amazing he was. He was so sweet and so happy, and his smile was one that could brighten up just about anyone's day.

The girl became worried: "What if he wasn’t interested?" Or "What if we never see each other again?" After about two minutes, a blonde nurse walked into the girl's room. She asked how she was doing and then said "That boy in the waiting room wanted me to tell you how absolutely gorgeous you are." The girl sat there in utter shock and, again, her face became the color of a ripe tomato. She then nervously responded, "Tell him I think he's really cute, too..." The nurse smiled and walked out of the room. The girl became so unbelievably excited that she could not stop smiling. After about five minutes, the boy walked past her room; as he did, he glanced at her and gave her a big smile. And she smiled and waved back at him. When the foot bath was over, the girl left the doctor's office with her mother and went home.

When she got home, all she could think about was that boy. There was just something really special about him. She knew he had felt this connection too, just by the way he looked at her. There was one problem though: he didn’t know her name so she thought, "How can he ever find me again?"

But, believe it or not, by some crazy miracle he found her. He searched through all the corners of social media and found her picture – he knew it had to be her. The next day the girl woke up to a notification on her phone that the boy had requested to "follow" her on social media. This was one of the happiest moments of the girl’s life. They began talking and then hung out together for the first time. From that day forward, the two of them were inseparable.

It was love at first sight.