



Chris & Nickie's Whimsical Love Story

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Chris and Nickie's paths often crossed through their vibrant mutual friend groups. They'd exchange smiles and quick hellos at lively dinners, energetic dance nights at the W, and exciting parties hosted by DJs, becoming familiar faces in each other's social circles.



One evening, Nickie's friend coaxed her into driving an hour north for moral support, hoping to meet Chris's cousin. Though feeling unwell and reluctant, Nickie agreed 'for love,' finding herself at a fancy, museum-like venue bustling with hired chefs and a live DJ. It was an artsy, Art Deco affair, far from her comfort zone.



At a vast, elegant table, Nickie initially felt out of place, sitting across from her friend and the cousin. Chris, arriving with his own family, noticed her and frequently stopped by. He would sit and chat, ensuring Nickie felt included and comfortable amidst the unfamiliar faces.



When Chris and his cousins decided to take a tour of the grand venue, Nickie eagerly jumped up to join them, also seizing the chance to give her friend some space. Her phone unexpectedly died, so she playfully borrowed Chris's phone, snapping silly selfies and sending them to herself. Chris secretly chuckled, thinking, 'She must like me!'



The rest of that night was a series of unfortunate events for Nickie: she couldn't order food, battled a migraine, and had to sleep at her sister's. However, a sweet surprise awaited her when she finally plugged in her phone: a thoughtful message from Chris, 'checking to see that you made it home safely.'



After that night, Chris and Nickie continued to run into each other, their friendship growing steadily. They began inviting each other to events they were planning, like a bustling Food & Wine festival. Nickie, at the time, was fixated on very tall guys and didn't realize Chris's height, often wearing 4-6 inch heels.



At the Food & Wine festival, Nickie chose comfortable flats for all the walking, and suddenly found herself looking up at Chris. He had transformed, sporting a stylish fedora, a gleaming gold chain, and an irresistible cologne. Realizing he only brought one cousin, a wave of panic washed over her – he was clearly there just for her, not her 'cute friends.'



Chris's questions throughout the festival were all centered on Nickie, easing her initial panic. As they were leaving a restaurant, he held the door for everyone, and then gently guided her through by placing a hand on her lower back. In that moment, looking up into his eyes, Nickie knew for certain that she liked him.



Determined to uncover his age, Nickie planned a kayaking trip, hoping to glimpse his date of birth on the rental form. Chris, noticing her hovering, playfully cupped his hand over his form, thwarting her plan. Though they ended up in separate kayaks, Chris later created an Instagram collage from the trip, featuring Nickie's face prominently in every photo, and even asked her to write the caption.



Their communication blossomed into daily texts, with Nickie sending a barrage of questions to truly get to know him. Chris jokingly likened it to 50 Cent's '21 Questions,' prompting Nickie to ease up. A delightful plot twist emerged when Chris began asking her questions, leading them to converse every day and officially start dating.