

# **Love Square**

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# Introduction

Alison is happy. One day she meets three boys, and her life changes.

# Chapter 1

Alison walked down the street, feeling joyous. She had just gotten a great deal on a beautiful dress she loved. Suddenly, she found herself walking next to a handsome young man, with brown hair perfectly styled and twinkling brown eyes. She had not noticed him a minute ago. "Hello, " Alison said to the boy. "May I ask what you are doing here?"

"I saw you recently, did I not? At Dwellings?" the boy inquired.

Alison recalled that when she was trying on her dress, she had seen someone like him in a different part of the store. She nodded and smiled self consciously.

"Well, " the boy replied, "that dress you tried on looked absolutely gorgeous on you. Not that you needed any help, I mean, but still..." He trailed off, leaving Alison red in the face and the boy still grinning like an idiot. "By the way, the name's Collin, " he added, winking. "Personally I like your name better, but I guess mine is okay."

"I'm Alison. Pleased to meet you." And with that, Alison entered Barnes & Noble, smiling to herself.

She had not gone far when she noticed another boy her age heading toward her. He was tall and thin, with blackish brown hair and brown eyes. "Hey, " the boy said, shooting a wink. "Want to go hang out in those chairs? I'll buy you a coffee."

"Sure, " Alison agreed, settling down in the chair. "Mocha, please. Decaf."

The boy walked to the counter and bought the drinks. Moments later, he returned to where Alison sat with two steaming cups of coffee. Alison noticed hers had a suspiciously whitish top.

"Whipped cream? Oh you should not have, " she teased with a smile.

"I thought you deserved a treat. I barely know you, but I've got a feeling you will be deserving many more treats in the near future."

"What's your name?" Alison questioned.

"Theo, " the boy replied with another wink. "How about you?"

"I'm Alison. Thanks for the coffee."

Alison finished her coffee and went to buy a book, Theo waving to her in the cafe.

Alison's last errand was to go to the grocery store. As she walked in, checking her list, she spied yet another boy near the produce who also looked to be her age. He had light brown skin and curly black hair. Probably nothing, Alison thought. She got muffins, lettuce, olives, and wheat bread before the boy came up to her to talk.

"Hi, " the boy said shyly. "Need any help with your groceries? I only have a few things on my list; I've got time to help you." This obviously did not come out the way he wanted it to, because his face flushed red and he mumbled, "I mean, I can help if you want me to..."

Noticing that he was struggling, Alison kindly stepped in and replied, "Thank you. I'm sure that go much faster."

Ten minutes later, Alison and the boy (who she'd found out was named Marco) got into the line to pay. Finally, they were done. Alison was about to leave when Marco quickly said, "Wait. I'll be right back." His face was illuminated like he had just come up with a world-changing idea. "Stay here - and close your eyes. I'll be quick." As Alison closed her eyes, she could see Marco rushing off to who-knows-where.

About three minutes later, Marco announced, "Open your eyes, " and Alison did - to a beautiful bouquet of real red roses.

"Oh Marco, they're beautiful, " and she hugged him. When she let go, she could see his face light up with pure joy.

"I - have to go - mom - needs help - dishwasher -" And stumbling as much as he did with his words, Marco skipped off happily into the fading daylight. Alison watched him go, smiling contently.

To be continued...

## Chapter 2

Katie strolled into The Freeze's line. She knew exactly what ice cream she wanted, and she was so happy The Freeze was open that she was treating herself to chocolate sprinkles!

Ugh. There was always a line, was there not? Seeing about ten families in front of her, Katie pulled out her phone and began to text her friends.

Just then, she spied a familiar face. Matthew, from before! She quickly walked over.

"Oh, hi, Katie, " Matthew said with a smile. "How are you this lovely afternoon?"

"I'm doing OK, " she replied. "Just grabbing some ice cream - I can't believe The Freeze is finally open! I was just going to get two scoops of chocolate."

"Oh, three dollars? I can do that. Hold on. Let me grab my wallet, " Matthew responded quickly. As he rummaged through his pocket, Katie noticed his cheeks were beginning to turn quite a dark shade of pink. She blushed and looked away.

"Found it, " Matthew said, sounding relieved. "Now, I think I'll have black raspberry. I like chocolate, too. I'll let you share my ice cream if you let me share yours, " he added, looking mischievous.

"First of all, Matthew, you should not be buying me ice cream. We barely know each other. And second of all, we can share ice cream - on one condition, " Katie replied, smiling.

"What would that condition be, Miss Katie?" Matthew asked, wiggling his eyebrows.

Katie giggled. "The condition, Mister Matthew, is that you sit with me when we share the ice cream."

He gasped. "Oh, no! I could not do that, I promised aliens from Jupiter I would eat with them!" He bought the ice cream (lines shorten when you're talking like that!), took Katie's hand, and led her to a table.

Katie finished her ice cream eventually. Thanking Matthew (who had by now gone full red in the face), she left The Freeze.

Just then, Katie remembered she had a movie to go to! *Singing In The Rain* was at the Campus Theater, and she could not miss that for the world!

She got into her car and drove into town. As she parked, she sneezed loudly.

"Bless you, " she heard someone say. Turning, she saw Joel standing by her car!

"Oh, hello Joel, " she said, surprised. "Why are you in town today?"

"How about you?" he replied, smooth as silk.

"I'm going to see *Singing In The Rain* at the Campus Theater in about ten minutes."

"Me too! Mind if I take you?" Joel asked eagerly.

"Sure, " Katie consented.

Joel happily took her by the arm and strolled toward the theater.

When they entered, Joel pulled out enough money for two people's admission. They were let through, and immediately Joel ran to buy a huge bucket of popcorn.

"We'll share, " Joel responded seriously.

Carrying the enormous popcorn container, Katie and Joel entered the theater.

"Thanks for taking me to the movie, Joel. I'm sorry, but I have to get home, " Katie said regretfully.

Joel had walked her to her car.

"Okay, then. Bye!" Joel waved as Katie drove home.

When she parked her car in the garage, Katie felt the need for a walk. She went inside to drop off her stuff, changed into sneakers, and went outside.

About three houses down, Katie ran into none other than Marco. She smiled and went over to him.

"Hi, Marco. How are you today?" Katie asked him, who was already blushing a little.

"I'm good. What about you?" He seemed to have gotten a little less nervous.

"Doing fine. Here, walk with me." Katie gestured for him to walk beside her.

Marco wasted no time in striking up a conversation. They walked and talked for close to an hour, and Marco's previous hesitating was replaced by wittiness and confidence Katie had not noticed in the grocery store. She was beginning to see him in a new light.

They finally reached Katie's house again, and said goodbye. Katie walked up her driveway feeling something she'd rarely felt until she'd met these three boys: love.

To be continued...

## Chapter 3

Katie walked into Hunter Park. What a wonderful place to finish her book! She plopped down on a bench and began to read.

"Katie! There you are!" Katie heard someone calling her name. She turned, and there was Matt, rushing toward her. "I need to tell you something really, really important. I wanted to tell you last time I saw you, but I did not get a chance!" He looked really out of breath.

As Katie gestured for him to sit down beside her, she glimpsed a figure in the distance. It was tall and thin... Joel! As he came into view, Katie could see his jet-black hair and sparkling brown eyes.

"Katie! I need to give you some news! I..." He stopped when he noticed Matt beside her. "What... How did you..."

Two boys at once! Whoa, what a coincidence.

"Katie! Katie! I have to tell you something! I was too shy before, but now I-" Marco then appeared in the park. He looked exhausted from running. OK, this was now getting weird. All three in the same place- and Katie, too! What could she do?

Time for some introductions.

"Alright. Um... I've got some explaining to do, and from all three of your grand entrances I can tell you three do as well, " Katie said uncomfortably. "Why don't all of you sit down and we'll have a little talk."