## <u> A stranger I met</u>

I find myself completely captivated by someone, and I'm not sure why. I've never seen anyone's smile shine so brightly, and I've never found someone so attractive, with or without dark glasses. I've never longed to be held in such strong arms, and I've never felt a fiery passion ignite in my heart like this before. I knew that whatever this forbidden desire was, it was love.

We all desire things, from love to lust, even if we can't have them, not in a million years. Every part of my heart was shattered by a heart I didn't own. He was talking to her, smiling down at her, and I couldn't help but curse her perfect persona. I know I'm not good enough, but my hope persists, built on fragile foundations, for a love I'm still discovering.

His hair looks messy, but when you touch it, it's as soft as winter snow. As my hand runs through it, our gaze meets. His eyes are dark and romantic as he gazes at the sky. The light twinkles in his glossy, dark brown eyes as our faces draw nearer to each other's touch. His body forecasts strength beneath his clothes. His chest is firm, but when you hear his heartbeat, you melt into him as my hand rests on his chest. His lips are soft and warm, and as I see his eyes begin to close, mine follow suit. I feel his warm lips meet mine, and they intertwine, creating all sorts of patterns.

I opened my eyes to realize it was all a dream. Why does a man I have yet to talk to consume my thoughts so effortlessly? Another woman being courted by him pains me, but I hold my breath and tell myself it's temporary. However, one thing I've learned in this life is that if you

keep holding your breath for hope, you'll suffocate while still earning for life.

I've never been loved, but I can imagine him loving me. I know I can never have him, so I hold my breath for the stranger I met, my brother's best friend.

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