

"Thank you for the dinner tonight," Annika said, smiling shyly at the blonde boy sitting across from her. She blushed slightly, thinking about how much fun she was having. It was nice to finally have a date where it had fewer awkward moments and more flowing conversation.

"Anytime," the boy answered, grinning cheekily "Anything for you, lovebug."

She giggled awkwardly at his statement, taking a final sip of her Orange soda before the straw started to make noise, signaling that it was all gone.

"Ready to go?" he asked, preparing to push his chair out and looking in her eyes.

"Yep!" Annika answered cheerily, flashing him a flirty smile. Looking around, she spotted her purse, grabbed it, and blushed again as D'Brian came around and pulled her chair out for her. "Thank you."

There was nothing to say as he walked her to his old, white beat-up Jeep and again opened up the door for her to step inside. Smiling shyly at each other, he began to drive out of the parking lot.

"LOOK OUT!" Annika screamed. D'Brian stomped on the break in shock; her voice nearly shattered his eardrums. A car had pulled in front of them, unbeknownst to D'Brian.

"Thanks," he breathed, leaning over and kissing her on the cheek. "That could have been bad."

Other than that, the car ride was uneventful. Once they had made it to his apartment and gotten out of the car, they made their way inside and after D'Brian had gotten a couple bottles of beer out of the fridge and handed one to Annika, a murmured "thanks" was uttered and they sat down on the buzzard-puke green couch. Now the conversation began to drag a bit as they slowly made their way through the beers. Annika looked around the apartment that she had come to know almost better than her own place and D'Brian amused himself by playing his beer bottle like a band instrument.

"Oh, stop that!" Annika snapped angrily. D'Brian's eyes snapped to her face and he stopped immediately. He opened his mouth stupidly, searching for something to say, then closed it again. A few moments of weird silence dragged by before Annika set the beer bottle down on the table and leaned in, kissing him hard on the lips.