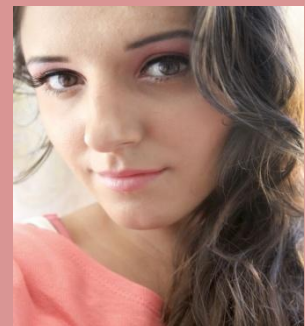
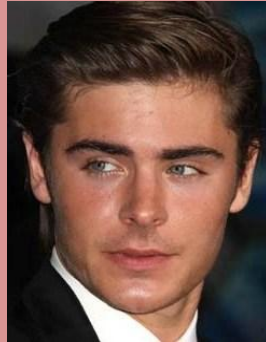


PETE'S BILATERAL CRUSHES



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Preface

This short story entails two beautiful lady colleagues who had all the good times of their lives working and contributing to their careers at an IT firm when everything changes for the two ladies by the entrance of a guy into the older lady's life. Her life is catapulted out of control when her younger lady colleague becomes the bilateral crush of the same guy. This story teaches about how one guy may be inappropriate or a mistake for one lady but a blessing for another if she knows how to make good use out of it.

Dear Valued Reader, start reading the story right away and finish it in one sitting itself to get the most out of it and enjoy a pleasant reading.

With love,

Rosina S Khan

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Introduction to Susan and Kathy

Susan and Kathy worked in the same firm in the IT department. Susan was the older one who initially trained Kathy when she was recruited and had joined the firm being a newbie. They became the best of colleagues eventually sharing workloads and working with a good team spirit. Both loved their work and were contributing to the firm efficiently and with good vigor.

They ventured in their own ways and looked for innovation and modern methods, incorporating into their own work. Therefore, they both were busy all through and thrived high.

Love and romance are what they paid little attention and contributed thoroughly to their career, improving and carving themselves out towards the better along the way.

They had fun times too. Together along with other colleagues, they would dine together at the ground floor lounge. Susan was a little bit more carefree when she retired for the day productively and would help herself to a chocolate ice cream bar from the cafeteria on the bottom

floor and find her way out of the office licking it like a teenager, with her hair down and fluttering in the wind. Those were some of the best moments of her life and she treasured and savored them with all her heart.

Pete Comes to IT Department

A guy called Pete came to the IT department from the Accounting section one day and went directly to talk about his problem to the Boss of IT department. Meeting the Boss, he mentioned that his Boss had sent him on an Accounting issue that needed to be computerized and would like his department's help. The Boss mulled over Pete's papers and his first thought was to call Susan and solve the problem for the guy. Accordingly, Susan was called in, an introduction made to Pete, and an appointment was scheduled with him the next day after lunch. She said she had some free time then and could discuss the problem with him in more details. So Pete, on agreeing to Susan's suggestion gave his word to show up the next day. Having settled the problem, Susan left the Boss's room to carry out her own important duties of her department.

Pete has a crush on Susan

The next day after lunch, Pete was as good as his word and arrived at the IT department on time. Susan saw him from a distance and approached him and said hello. Pete said hello back.

Susan took the opportunity to look at Pete from head to toe. It was her opinion that she needed to know him well and have an impression of him before they could start working together. In her opinion, he was a good looking guy dressed in formal clothes alright but he was not her type.

They sat at a wide desk and Susan spread his papers all over the desk, examining them one by one. The issue was about integrating some accounting information into their server's backend database and there was a referential integrity problem. Having sorted that out, she gave him a forum name she knew where he could look up PHP code and solve the problem.

Pete, on the other hand, was also speculating Susan. His impression was that she was a competent lady and fully business-like, and he thought he would like to know her better.

Susan asked him to contact her again in case his problem was not solved. Pete took the opportunity to give her long stares in the hopes she would return his stares but Susan completely ignored him. Feeling discouraged, he left for his department.

Pete Keeps Spying on Susan

Pete personally came to the IT department to tell Susan the next day about the good news that the issue had been solved. Well, Susan indifferently congratulated him. And he felt disappointed in her attitude. Soon he left.

Over the next few days Susan heard nothing from Pete and felt good and comfortable that the assignment that her Boss had given her was over and she soaked in the breakthrough and felt good to be alienated from the guy. She repeated to herself that he was not her type.

But Pete found it hard to forget Susan. He paid several visits to her department and talked to the guys there and spent some time with them because Susan by now stayed aloof and paid him little attention.

Pete was completely infatuated with Susan but could do nothing to win her. He became aggressive and started to spy on her daily activities at the office and all the way to her apartment.

Well, Susan's sixth sense told her that she was being spied upon and she felt totally pissed off.

She complained to her Boss the next day but he didn't bother at all and took the matter lightly.

Susan watched over the next few days in silence and fervently wished Pete would stop spying on her. It was her hope he would lose interest and stop to continue doing it and give her all the privacy she needed. But as time passed, she realized that Pete did not move away but was glued to her in the background of her office as well as her home. She felt uncomfortable all the time knowing this, and it disturbed her peace of mind and caused her to lose her temper.

She called it quits and resigned from her work since she got little help from her firm, work and above all, her Boss. She stayed indoors, getting involved in fun activities like coloring color books, playing musical instrument, cooking new recipes, writing stories and contributing them to her favorite fiction book sites, and surfing the net.

Kathy meets Pete

After all, Susan was a reputable, competent, dedicated and valued employee at the firm. And her firm missed her badly. Many of her office colleagues came over to her place bugging her to rejoin. But Susan did not give in and refused to have anything to do with them. So feeling disheartened and subdued, they all left. The next day some of them returned and started spying on her as well.

It was during this time Kathy met Pete. They got introduced to each other and gradually became intimate. Susan knew on instant that Kathy and Pete were together from hearing their voices in the background. In fact, she was too familiar with their voices.

On the other hand, Pete and Kathy together started to keep an eye on Susan and spy on her day and night. It had become their daily routine. They even rented an apartment nearby and lived together for much of their time. But their main target and burning desire was that Susan would become broke and come back to the firm crying. They wanted her to fall to the ditches and become helpless and weep. But Susan was

headstrong and did none of that. She remained strong and steady and stuck to the following quote. In fact, she loved quotes and to ponder on them. Here is the one that was currently on her mind:

“One who has health has hope;

One who has hope has everything.”

~ Thomas Carlyle

Epilogue

Kathy and Pete fell into a trap loop. For days together, they only spied on Susan without any vision or direction. They were both soon to be laid off by their firm, not being able to give time to their full time jobs. But nevertheless, they carried on. Dear valued reader, do you see any good outcome from all of this? Do you realize that they pushed themselves out of their boundaries so much that there was no hope left for them? It was unless that they came to their actual senses and didn't risk their lives any longer that they could rejuvenate themselves once again.

On the other hand, Susan dreamed of working again. It was a dream of her to join another reputable firm and start all over again. Of course given the ten years' experience she had, nothing was lost and she could competently and dedicatedly work as an experienced entrepreneur in another firm and rise to great heights once again. All the golden opportunities were open to her and she just had to tap into the floodlights of her life to feel life again.

She thought of how bilateral love on the part of a guy estranged two once upon a time good times remarkable lady colleagues. But what could be done now that everything had taken its toll? She took solace in the following beautiful quote by Spencer Chapman:

“Do not judge others by your own thoughts. They are living a different life than you are. What might be good for one person may not be good for another. What might be bad for one person might change another person’s life. Allow people to make their own mistakes or their own decisions. We learn and grow with each decision and/or mistake that we make, but again, what might be a mistake for you would be a blessing for someone else.” ~ Spencer Chapman, UK, 2013

How true, Susan mused. Pete did not turn out to be the right guy for her but he seemed like a blessing to Kathy if she knew how to make good use of the opportunity while for Susan herself, she knew that she already had too many blessings in her life to count and she was still counting positively and enthusiastically. She made a Vision Board and put pictures of the stuff she would like to manifest in her life, for example, a

compatible life partner, a good, decent and reputable job, her future children, their future vacations together, and lastly building assets and making investments over time for the good welfare of her to-be-soon family. She looked at the Vision Board hung on the wall right beside her bed every day and she knew she was close, very close indeed.

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