

*Will Katie Unite
With Jack?*



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Preface

This short fiction story is about a stunning pair, who continue to chase each other in pursuit of love but yet cannot settle down. They meet each other several times but do not remain together for long.

A lovely unwinding story leads the reader along the way keeping in suspense if the girl and boy will ever unite.

Excited enough? Go read the whole story to find out if there will actually be a happy union of the two or things will go drastically otherwise.

To Your Merry Reading,

Love,

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Katie Meets Jack

Katie, a beautiful lady, working in Architecture department of a renowned university in the city was decorating herself with jewelry and make up in front of her mirror. She wore a beautiful silk burgundy dress and looked gorgeous.

She was getting dressed for the reunion party of 22nd batch from her college. After applying make up and being fully dressed, she gave one last look at the mirror. Yes, she was smug and happy.

She took the keys of her car along with tissue napkins, lipstick and cell phone in her tiny black velvet purse and bade her family goodbye and set forth for her reunion party. It was a long forty-five minutes drive.

Her family, meaning her parents and herself lived once near her college to make her going to and returning from her college easier. After her Dad's retirement, they had moved much further away nearer to her workplace, in a home that her parents built for themselves. Although they missed their old home very much, they loved the luxury and convenience of their new home, which they had built with love and compassion.

Katie looked at her watch for the second time and wondered if she would be late. Within the next ten minutes, she reached her desired location.

Two guards inquired about her and after seeing her invitation card, they let her in. She parked her car and couldn't wait to go inside.

As she entered a double storied hallway, she could hear music, laughter and chatter and immediately she knew she was on the right spot. Girls who knew her called out to her and flocked around her. A hundred pair of male eyes caught a glimpse of her and found her very interesting.

Katie talked and talked with her girlfriends whom she had last met three years back. They had a thousand questions for her and she was busily answering them, not being able to look around and eye any guy. Some of the girls were still single like her and some were already married. They had their stories to share with her as well. Naturally it looked to the guys that she was the princess of the party.

As the girls climbed up the stairs with her, still talking and laughing, Katie took a quick look around but recognized none of the guys.

There were several shifts in her batch when she studied back at her college. Some she didn't know at all, and some she had already forgotten.

None of the guys she looked at interested her and so she stayed with the girls, listening and chatting with them. In fact, she was having real fun.

It was a mustard colored surrounding with mirrors, flower plants and decorations beautifully placed to give a splendid look. Katie liked the inner decorations very much.

Katie seated herself in a twenty-seat round table along with the girls. The table was covered with a white piece of table cloth and there were glasses, plates, water bottles and a vase with a rose bud in the middle and yet it helped to display a subtle appearance.

Soon the waitress started bringing in food and there was sing-song cultural program going on in the vicinity. Every now and then, Katie got distracted from her food and the girls' chatter away to the sing-songs which seemed so melodiously natural.

After the twenty girls were done with their food, more girls came in and added to the fun and laughter of Katie's night.

Katie suggested they go nearer to the cultural program area and listen and watch what was going on there. The rest of the girls agreed. As the girls chatted in low voices, Katie's attention was completely taken by the stage's

sing-songs. She watched and listened thoroughly. Then a male musical band came to the stage and after several minutes of setting of their instruments, they started singing beautiful songs in heavy attractive voices which shook all the girls away and put an end to their chatter. Katie was as much intrigued as the rest of the girls. After listening to their songs for a while, which Katie enjoyed thoroughly, she thought she would be leaving for home otherwise her parents would be really worried. Yes, although she was a big girl now, a working woman in fact, Katie still followed the rules and discipline of her home.

She bade her girlfriends farewell and walked briskly downstairs heading outside when a guy called her name. Katie was rather surprised. She looked back to see a smartly dressed guy whom she didn't recognize.

The guy introduced himself as "Jack" and said he was in the 22nd batch of the same college as Katie but while she was in the morning shift, he was in the afternoon shift. But he had seen Katie on the premises of their college when he had gone on errands in the mornings. That was how he knew her. As he asked for her number, she quickly said it and Jack gave her a call back to her phone so that she could save it. But Katie didn't bother to save. She was more intent on going back home.

She got inside her car and drove carefully and smoothly on the streets back to her sweet home.

As she undressed and washed her face and feet and got into her home clothes, she wondered about Jack and still thinking of him, she fell asleep.

Katie Gets a Surprise Call

Katie got up early the next day for work. Her work at the university involved teaching students in architecture department and helping with supervision of thesis projects.

A week passed by. And as Katie snuggled under her sheets on bed after a hearty afternoon meal in the weekend, her phone buzzed. She looked at the number and did not recognize it. The guy on the other end said, "I am Jack. We met at the reunion party, remember?"

Immediately Katie recognized Jack. He was not in her mind for a while, yet while she chatted with Jack, it made her smile in joy.

As she hung up, she went to see what her Dad was doing and eventually shared the story of the reunion, Jack and his call. Her Dad laughed heartily. He finally said, "See if the guy proposes to you and see if you find your life partner in him." Katie replied, "I am not that much into him yet but I liked talking to him. That's it." Her dad laughed again but said nothing this time.

As days passed by, Katie started getting calls from Jack more frequently but they didn't bother her. She accepted his calls happily.

Katie realized she wanted something more out of life and felt she could try going abroad for higher education.

Accordingly she applied abroad to several universities in Germany and a few of them responded. She finally chose one and corresponded more and more and as days went by, she finally got the acceptance letter from a university in the outskirts of Frankfurt. She wept in joy.

She thought of calling Jack, which she did and let him know that she would no longer be able to contact him because she would be leaving for Frankfurt soon. Jack was disappointed deeply and said, "Do you have to go now? I was going to propose to you. Don't you realize that I am in love with you?"

Katie was taken aback at Jack's reaction but she said coolly, "I know what I am doing. I am not interested at the moment."

Jack said, recovering, "Okay, but can we keep in touch?"

Katie said briskly, "Yes" and hung up.

Katie Goes for Higher Education

Katie badly wanted a Masters in Architecture. So she took all the preparations and before her final departure, she let Jack know it as she promised. Jack's response was to contact her again from Frankfurt and that he really cared about her.

Katie got busy with hostel dorms, paying fees and other arrangements that took for days. Jack remained in anticipation for her call and kept saying to himself, "She is busy. She will call."

And it turned out Katie did call Jack. She had to purchase a cell phone set and SIM card before she could contact her family and Jack.

Katie got busy with studies and it was Jack who called her and took her updates from time to time.

After a year passed and Katie was done with 1st year studies, she happily called Jack. Jack was overjoyed to hear her voice. Jack finally said, "Let's get married. We can get married on phone you know."

Katie reflected for a moment and said, "Okay!"

Then the date was fixed, *Kazi* was called in, and witnesses were arranged both sides and a beautiful marriage took place over phone. Jack and Katie were both very happy but they couldn't see each other as it was still the early millennium time.

Jack now called every day before Katie went to sleep. Katie happily studied and gave quizzes and then it was time for a thesis. As she found herself a supervisor and a thesis topic, she planned to come back to her country, meet her spouse and family and go for data collection as well for her thesis.

As her in-laws came in touch with her, they wouldn't let her go anywhere until they gave away a marriage reception party. So there was a grand marriage reception.

After the reception, there were throw parties and parties from different relatives until it was time for Katie to return back. She couldn't collect any data for her thesis. How would she explain to her supervisor back abroad? She questioned herself for the hundredth time as she boarded the plane.

She was utterly confused not knowing what to do or where to go. Like a zombie she followed itinerary and reached her place until she had a very

bad cry. Yeah she was alone and without decision. Jack's call came in at the right moment. Seeing her so unhappy, Jack said, "Just tell your supervisor the whole truth. He will accept. Don't worry anymore. Have your dinner and fall asleep.

Katie decided to do just as Jack said. It had been a long journey and therefore, taking her dinner, she fell fast asleep.

As she awoke, freshened and got dressed, she mentally ran through her mind how she would talk to her supervisor. After several trials she was ready.

She had breakfast and started to walk towards the university and her supervisor's office.

She started to cry and as she wept, she told everything to her supervisor. She asked for his forgiveness. Her supervisor was good enough to understand her and extended her thesis to another month and asked her to collect data in Frankfurt itself and gave a list of a few places where she could collect data for her thesis.

Katie got back her confidence. Wiping her tears away with the tissue napkin she held in her hand, she started out boldly and upright. She looked

at the list of places and figured out where she could start. She saw the train charts and the map she had in her purse.

Yes, Katie got back working on her thesis and she was able to complete her thesis in the extended time. Jack visited her in Frankfurt in the middle of her thesis, and Katie was once more distracted. He didn't stay for long though because he knew how important the master's degree was to her and after a week, he had left.

Katie was happy, along with her classmates, as she wore the graduation gown and cap on her graduation ceremony and took photos. When she was bestowed upon her degree with a fresh new certificate, she couldn't help having moments of euphoria.

When Katie reached her dorm, her phone was already ringing and she found out it was Jack. Jack was in time to congratulate her and she thanked him.

Katie Goes on a Europe Tour

Katie told her girlfriends: *I am going on a Europe tour before finally heading for my country.* And that's exactly what she did.

She visited United Kingdom, France, Italy, Portugal, Bulgaria, Poland and as many else her budget allowed and then went straight ahead for her country until she fell into the arms of her beloved hubby.

"So how was the tour?" Jack asked.

Katie replied, "Not as good as it feels now."

Jack said, "Really? I have a surprise for you!"

Katie asked, "What is it?"

Jack replied, "We emigrating to Canada. I had filed for it four years back and now everything is ready. Now you file up another application as my spouse. I have a job already waiting for me there. You come to me a year later because that would be the time it will take to process your file."

Katie replied in awe, "What? You already arranged all that without letting me know anything!"

Jack said, "Honey, it was meant to be a surprise."

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