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July 10, 1609

Love at First Sight

Dear Diary,

As soon as I walked in the room, my eyes were drawn to the most beautiful girl in the world. At that instant, I was filled with enamour. I knew we were meant for each other. I kept making eye contact with her, and I’m pretty sure she figured out that I was in love with her. I wonder if she feels the same way about me. She seemed to be giving me that look that girls do when they like a guy. I just can’t stop thinking about her. I’m going to see if Hero will marry me. Oh boy, I hope she says yes.

Love,

Claudio

July 11, 1609

Don Pedro

Dear Diary,

I am so grateful for Don Pedro. He put himself out there so I could marry Hero. I really hope everything goes well when Don Pedro talks to Hero. What if Hero likes Don Pedro instead of me, or what if she mistakes Don Pedro as me? My heart would be broken, and I would be filled with melancholy. Hero would be in my heart forever--the deepest, saddest part. What if Hero says no? My heart would feel as if it were stabbed. Don Pedro is a good guy though, so I don’t think he would steal my Hero from me.

Hopefully,

Claudio

Tricked

Dear Diary,

UGH! I can’t believe Don John would do that to me. He told me that Hero was in love with Don Pedro. I don’t know why I fell for that idiot. Don Pedro was doing me a favor, and I didn’t trust him. Don John crushed my heart, but only until everything got resolved. Don Pedro told me what actually happened, and Hero agreed to marry me! Don John is just a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad person. I better never let that idiot trick me again.

Feeling foolish,

Claudio

July 15, 1609

I’m Getting Married

Dear Diary,

Leonato agreed to the marriage. I told him I wanted to get married tomorrow, but Leonato decided we should get married this coming Monday. I won’t be able to wait that long, for I am in love. But Don Pedro says he has an idea that will make time pass. His plan is to get Beatrice and Benedick to stop arguing and fall in love with each other. It is a good idea, but all I will ever think about is Hero.

In love,

Claudio

July 20, 1609

<3Hero<3

Dear Diary,

I wonder what Hero is going to wear for our wedding? Whatever it is, I bet it will look beautiful on her even if it’s the most hideous dress. I wonder if Hero is full of mirth for this wedding and if she even thinks about me all the time. I know that I can’t wait for the wedding, and I know that I love her very much.

Dreaming,

Claudio

July 21, 1609

Benedick and Beatrice

Dear Diary,

We so got Benedick today. Since Don Pedro and I knew that Benedick was behind the bushes, we spoke about how Beatrice has the eyes for Benedick. Who knows, Benedick might actually start falling in love with dear Beatrice. That was actually fun trying to trick Benedick. I hope Benedick takes our words into consideration. Beatrice and Benedick would be so cute together.

Matchmaking,

Claudio

July 22, 1609

Heartbreak

Dear Diary,

My heart is now crushed forever! I can’t believe Hero would deceive me. I trusted her. Don John came to us today and said that Hero was sleeping with other men and that I should not marry her. He was able to prove it, unfortunately. He brought us to the window of Hero’s room, and there Hero was making out with somebody else! How could she do this to me? I really thought she loved me. Don John may have been speaking slander, but at least it was the truth. At least now I won’t have to marry Hero and regret it. I think I might die and stay cooped up in my room forever. I’m not ready to face the pain or hurt that Hero brought unto me. I am very confused, suspicious, and full of dark thoughts.

CLAUDIO

July 23, 1609

What Should I Do?

Dear Diary,

I hope Hero is crying in her bed for betraying me. She deserves no one after what she did to me. I don’t want to marry her now. Maybe I should call the wedding off or just not show up! I’d do anything in order to get out of this horror.

Betrayed,

Claudio

July 25, 1609

Revenge

Dear Diary,

Today is the big day! For once Hero will feel the way that I have felt for the last couple days. Since she deceived me, I will deceive her. I will cancel the wedding in front of all the people. I will embarrass her in front of all the people, and I will say that she slept with other men before me. She will live in shame forever! She will be so humiliated that she will not want to come out of her room. I hope this plan works. I think that Hero will try and play innocent in front of her friends, but I know the truth and that won’t work.

Vengefully yours,

Claudio

July 29, 1609

What Have I Done?

Dear Diary,

Now that I have accomplished what I wanted done, it doesn’t feel all that great. I kind of feel bad for doing what I did to her. Maybe getting revenge wasn’t the best idea. Maybe we could have worked things out and tried again. Oh what have I done? I can’t live with myself for killing Hero. I didn’t mean for it to go that far. I apologized to Leonato for what I did and told him that I would do anything for him because nothing can make up for what I did! He wants me to tell everybody that Hero was innocent, and I have to marry his niece to make up for it. What if I don’t like his niece? I hope she really is like he says, because if she is anything like Hero I am sure I will love her. But ah, well, my life will go on.

Regretfully yours,

Claudio

July 31, 1609

The Greatest Day of My Life

Dear Diary,

I can’t believe I actually married Hero today! I thought I was marrying Leonato’s niece, and I didn’t know how I felt about that. It turns out they were just telling me that so I would apologize. My heart is filled with joy because Hero is very much alive. When she walked down the aisle, I didn’t know what to expect. Then when she was right there next to me and she turned her veil over her head, I think my mouth dropped for that was not what I was expecting. After all I’ve done to Hero, she still wanted to marry me. I am so thankful they didn’t just blow me off and forget about me. Now I promise I will always take care of the girl of my dreams and always trust her and believe her!

On Cloud Nine,

Claudio