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— Listen to Your Enchanted Silence —



14 Awww! Romantic & Aahhh! Absurd Moments

Has a guy done something for you that just made you melt? Or did you go on a date that made you wish you were sitting through a boring lecture instead? Both feelings are familiar to me...

So I've put together a list of moments I've personally experienced as well as heard from other 20-something women. I hope it makes you laugh and cry (a little bit!). But most of all, realize we've all been there!

- ❖ **“I once went on a first date with a guy I had only communicated with through emails and texts.** He traveled extensively for work and we finally made time for our first meeting. The evening started with heavy rain and I was not in the mood to meet him, but I went anyway, thinking I'd wrap up the date quickly.

When I reached the restaurant, he stood in the rain with a sweet lopsided smile, holding a bouquet of red roses. I stopped in my tracks. I've received roses on special occasions, but never on a first date. And red roses are my favorite! And the way he just stood there in the pouring rain, waiting for me, it was romantic and thoughtful!”

- ❖ **“He was smart, funny, and nice. But he had never been married and was slightly older than me.** We had an on and off relationship. He wasn't a big believer in marriage, perhaps because his parents had been divorced and his own past had been weathered with flings.

He wasn't the romantic type to bring me flowers and chocolates, but I knew he cared by little gestures, like when he freaked out if I drove after having only one drink and told me to call him anytime if I couldn't drive myself home.

For my birthday, I was surprised when he gifted me one of his favorite books, Milan Kundera's *The Unbearable Lightness of Being*. It's a book about a man torn between his love for his wife and his womanizing past who ultimately realizes how deeply he loves her and wants to be with her. I looked at him after I read the book's summary and he was quiet. This gesture spoke volumes more than any words."

- ❖ **I had been going through a challenging time and fainted three times in two weeks.** I had been seeing a guy and we weren't officially a couple yet. During Holiday season, he was traveling to Brazil for a vacation, so we met up for a movie date as I wouldn't see him until after the New Year.

As the movie played, I rested my hand on his wrist. Within seconds, he loosened my grip on his wrist and slipped his hand into mine to hold my hand. I was taken back. We didn't hold hands often, but this single gesture made me feel close to him."

- ❖ **I had a nervous breakdown out of nowhere once.** I'm the type of person who does not express myself well. I have to always be strong and not admit any vulnerability. After months of trying to hold it together, one afternoon at work, my heart beat fast and my breathing quickened.

I felt deeply sad and then a strange wave of numbness washed over me. I froze. I left work to go home early and sat in my car to drive home, but I couldn't do it. In a panic, I called my boyfriend. I struggled to tell him what I was feeling and he told me to wait. He would take me home.

Luckily I felt better, so I drove myself home. Later that evening, he came over to my place. He hugged me tightly and asked me with a shaky voice if I was alright. I realized at that moment how much he loved me."

- ❖ **One night, my boyfriend wanted to go for a walk and I could tell something was disturbing him, so I agreed.** We sat on a secluded park bench in the dark. Even after several years together, there was much I didn't know about him.

He told me an incident in his childhood when his father had pinned him against the wall during a fit of drinking rage. He confided how frightened he was then and wished he had a closer relationship with his father. I listened to him quietly.

We went back to his mother's place and fell asleep together. The next morning at work, I received a sweet email from him thanking me for listening to him and how lucky he was to have me in his life."

- ❖ **I had a guy friend who I knew liked me. He wanted more.** I was dating someone else at the time and my birthday was approaching. A week earlier, he had called me up and

casually asked me what company I worked at. I didn't make much of it and told him. On the day of my birthday, beautiful flowers were placed on my desk.

My co-workers excitedly asked me who sent them. My first thought was the guy I was dating, but when I opened the tiny note, it revealed it was from my friend. I smiled. It was a sweet gesture!"

- ❖ **Despite having many girlfriends in the past, he never had a serious relationship or even gotten close to marriage.** It was clear when I visited his place because it was so messy and unorganized. No woman would allow that!

He didn't know how to do simple things like dressing up or budgeting to save up. I taught him these things and he got his act together over time. One day, he was at my place and I ran my hand through his luscious hair. I remarked how soft his hair was and asked how often he shampooed his hair. He replied only once a week.

I giggled and joked how he had come a long way since his earlier days. He looked me in the eye and said lovingly, 'Remember you had taught me this.' I nearly melted."

- **I met a guy online who lived on the East coast.** He made a business trip to the San Francisco Bay Area and we arranged to meet up for the weekend. I showed him around the Bay Area and we had a lovely date. I offered to have him stay at my place for the night since the drive would take an hour or two to his hotel.

We rented a movie and later fell asleep. The next morning, he asked me if he could shower before we went for breakfast. I agreed. When he had finished showering, then I jumped in the shower.

When I got out, I received several texts from him. He said he had to run out quickly because he had meetings the next morning and had already driven away! He didn't even wait for me to get out of the shower to say bye. I was angry. And I never heard from him again..."

- **It was my third date with this guy. He owned a technology company and I was impressed by his down to earth personality.** After two wonderful dates, I was excited to go on the third one. He suggested we watch a movie right after dinner. I agreed.

I drove with him and he had a bottle of scotch in the car. I found it strange, but since I liked him, I thought why not? It would be fun to have a drink before getting into the theater to watch the film. But he kept having drink after drink.

An hour later, he was out of control. He got out of the car and started screaming in the parking lot about how rich and successful he was. People stared at us. It was embarrassing!”

- **I met a guy online and we kept trying to see each other, but something or the other kept coming up.** Finally, we set up a date that fit into both our schedules. On the day of the date, he told me he wanted to schedule it to a later time because he really wanted to go to the gym.

I didn’t make a big deal and agreed. Then, we went back and forth on scheduling a simple coffee date. He kept bringing up his gym schedule.

I got annoyed and asked him why he couldn’t change his gym timings to meet me. He replied he couldn’t change his gym schedule for anything or anyone!”

- **I was starting to fall in love with this guy I was seeing. He was perfect.** He had a fantastic job, great sense of humor, and treated me like a queen. My co-worker kept asking me who I was dating. I finally gave in and showed her a picture of him. Her mouth dropped open.

She told me he was married and had two daughters! My mouth then dropped open. I was shocked and couldn’t believe it at first.

My co-worker told me she was friends with his wife and pulled up his Facebook profile. It was true. Obviously, I ended the relationship right away and told him off.”

- **Call me old-fashioned, but I don’t want to have sex with just any guy.** It’s really important for me to have a connection with the guy I decide to be intimate with. I started dating this guy who seemed like he had it together professionally and personally. We got along great.

We started making out and it got hot and heavy. But I stopped him before it could go too far. I told him I wanted to wait until I knew him better to have sex. I thought he would understand, but instead he screamed at me for wanting to wait. I was frightened and acted like nothing happened. Then, I got out of there as fast as I could.”

- **I liked him enough to consider a serious relationship.** He took me out to nice places, complimented me, and made me laugh. I could feel the chemistry. But he started to contact me less and less. I was confused. I called him and asked him what was going on.

He gave me a vague response. But his behavior persisted. I was disappointed and eventually stopped contacting him. Suddenly many months later, I was browsing on Facebook when I came across his profile because we shared a mutual friend.

His profile picture was of him and his wife having just gotten married! I didn't mind that he had gotten married, but he could have told me the truth instead of ignoring me.”

- **He made an excuse and made me pay for dinner on our first date.** When the waitress arrived with our check, he said he needed to make a quick call and would be right back. I patiently waited for him.

Half an hour passed. I walked outside to check if everything was alright. But he wasn't there!

I asked a waiter at the entrance if he had spotted him. He had not. I called him, but it went straight to voicemail. I approached our table again and realized he had ditched me and left me to pay the bill! What a jerk!”

Now please go ahead and feel free to share this list with your other 20-something fabulous girl friends!

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