

THE ALMOST FIRST KISS

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Characters:

Linda, 21+

Peter, 21+

Synopsis:

Linda and Peter end what should be the perfect first date, but Linda's narcolepsy keeps them from having their first kiss.

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INT. LIVINGROOM - EVENING

The door opens and PETER and LINDA walk in laughing. Peter shows her around the living room.

LINDA
I had such a good time tonight.
Thank you.

PETER
So did I. I can't believe that
waiter said that to you.

LINDA
I know, what a jerk. He's just
jealous cause I was going home with
you.

She walks around the room.

LINDA
Is it okay if I run to the bathroom
and freshen up.

Peter smiles and points to the doorway.

PETER
It's down the hall to your left.

Linda walks out and Peter looks around for anything he can do to clean up. He then rushes over to the couch and sits down trying to be all seductive. Linda walks back in and sits down next to him. He goes in for a kiss but Linda stops him.

LINDA
Before we go any further, there is
something I have to tell you.

PETER
Oh God, you have a boyfriend don't
you? I knew it!

Linda starts laughing.

LINDA
No, nothing like that.
(pause)
But I do have a little problem.

Peter backs up.

PETER
Hey, don't worry about me. I can be
a gentleman if I have to.
(MORE)

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PETER (CONT'D)

We don't have to do anything if you are not ready.

LINDA

It's not that either. I like you and I don't want things to get weird.

PETER

Okay?

LINDA

I have...

She suddenly goes limp and falls fast asleep. Peter looks at her confused.

PETER

You have what?

No response from Linda.

PETER

Linda?

Still nothing. Peter reaches over and shakes her a little bit. She suddenly jumps awake and looks horrified.

LINDA

Oh God, I did it didn't I?

Peter still confused.

PETER

Did what?

LINDA

Fell asleep.

PETER

Is that what happened?

LINDA

Yeah, I was trying to tell you I have narcolepsy. When I get nervous or overly excited, that's when it usually kicks in. I have medication for it, but I ran out.

Peter sits back.

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PETER

Oh, whew! For a minute I thought you were going to tell me that you had some sort of strange disease.

Linda is still a little embarrassed.

LINDA

I'm so sorry. I had such a good time tonight, I didn't want to ruin it.

PETER

Don't worry, you aren't going to ruin anything. Now where were we?

He goes in for a kiss again. Just as their lips are about to touch she falls asleep again. This time she falls forward and her head lands on his lap. He looks down surprised. He gently taps her on the back. After several taps she wakes up and realizes where her head was.

LINDA

Oh dear God, not again!

Peter laughs.

PETER

It's okay.

LINDA

No it's not. This is so embarrassing.

PETER

Relax, everything is going to be fine. We don't have to do this right now.

Linda suddenly becomes excited.

LINDA

I have an idea. How about I just close my eyes. That way I won't see you coming and can't get too nervous.

Peter shakes his head.

PETER

I like where your head's at.

Peter realizes what he just said.

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PETER

Oh, I mean... I didn't mean...

Linda just laughs.

LINDA

I know what you meant. Ready?

PETER

Yep.

Linda closes her eyes. Peter turns away to check his breath for a second. As his head is turned, Linda falls backwards and off the couch. There is a large thud. Peter turns back around and sees her on the floor. He reaches down for her. She wakes up and is holding her head.

LINDA

Ouch.

PETER

Are you okay?

LINDA

Yeah, I guess I got to excited not knowing when you were going to kiss me.

Peter helps her back up. They stare at each other as Linda rubs her head.

PETER

You know, how about we try this another night?

LINDA

Yeah, that might be a good idea.

There is a long silence as they stare at each other. Finally Peter and Linda get up and walk towards the door. Peter goes in for a hug, but that instantly becomes awkward. Just as he is about to hug her she falls on the floor. He reaches down and picks her up. As soon as she is fully awake he backs away.

PETER

How about I call you a cab?

Linda shakes her head as we...

FADE TO BLACK.