

ONE DATE AT A TIME

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TIME: Present

PLACE: A small college town in the south

CHARACTERS:

REMO – Time Traveler

MEGAN - A college student

HARRY- MEGAN's boy friend

SCENE ONE

In a crowd bar in a college town. The room is full of college students drinking and partying. MEGAN is sitting by herself in a booth with a drink on the table.

REMO

Man, it looks like everyone is having fun.

(MEGAN doesn't look at REMO).

REMO

I am glad that everyone is having a good time. Are you having fun?

(MEGAN still doesn't look up.)

REMO

Well, by the way my name is Remo, what's your name?

MEGAN

(MEGAN still doesn't look up.)

Not interested.

REMO

What are you not interested in?

MEGAN

(MEGAN finally looks up.)

In you.

REMO

I'm not trying to pick you up. You looked like someone that wanted to talk to someone.

MEGAN

Why would you say that?

REMO

Because you know it's true.

MEGAN

What do I want to talk about?

REMO

Your boyfriend. Why isn't he here?

MEGAN

What makes you think that I have a boyfriend?

REMO

Every fine girl that I have met has had a boyfriend. It might not be serious, but they have one any ways. Because if they don't, they wouldn't be a fine girl any more.

MEGAN

Well, you're right. I have a boyfriend, and it's serious.

REMO

I know. Where's your ring?

MEGAN

It's not that serious...yet.

REMO

Oh, it will be. See, I am from the future, and the past. It's a bit complicated.

MEGAN

Oh really, so you are into science fiction.

REMO

No. I am science fiction.

MEGAN

Isn't that a Star Trek thingy on your jacket?

REMO

Do you mean my communicator?

MEGAN

Is that what it's called?

REMO

Yes, and I have four pips. Do you know what four pips mean?

MEGAN

No. Does it make you special in the nerd community?

REMO

(REMO points to each pip as he talks.)

One pip is the rank of Ensign. Two is a Lieutenant, senior grade. Three is the rank of a Commander. And four means that I am a Captain.

MEGAN

What are you a captain of?

REMO

A starship. Do you know why I am here at this time, this point in history?

MEGAN

No.

REMO

I want you to tell me how you met your boyfriend?

MEGAN

I thought you knew everything?

REMO

Records on your past are a bit fragmented, many records are lost after the third world war.

MEGAN

There hasn't been a third world war.

REMO

Not yet, give it a few years.

MEGAN

When does it start? What year?

REMO

(REMO Whispers)

Do you really want to know?

MEGAN

(Acting sarcastic)

Yes I do.

REMO

I'll tell you if you tell me how you met your boyfriend.

MEGAN

Ok, you first.

REMO

2012.

MEGAN

That's only a few years away.

REMO

You might as well drink up while you can.

MEGAN

Where's your drink?

REMO

I'm on duty, plus I don't have any form of legal tender.

MEGAN

Legal tin der?

REMO

Money, I don't have any money.

MEGAN

Then why are you in a bar?

REMO

I came to talk to you.

MEGAN

Oh yeah, from the future.

REMO

Now you get it, so when and where did you first meet your boyfriend?

MEGAN

I met him here, at this very table, six months ago. He walked up to me while I was sitting alone and asked me my name.

REMO

So, you didn't say 'not interested' to him, right?

MEGAN

No. I was *very* interested in him. I told him my name and shook his hand. He had something special about him. I can't tell you what it was, but he had it. Then we went to his house and spent the whole night together. Not a very romantic scene, meeting in a bar, is it?

REMO

What's romance any ways? And his name is...?

MEGAN

Harry. Was that lost in the third war too?

REMO

As a matter of fact it was. Well, thank you for your time.

MEGAN

Are you off to your rocket ship?

REMO

As a matter of fact, I am. Well, it is more like a time machine right now, but I call it home. You know, she is the only ship that I dream about.

MEGAN

What's your hurry? Do you have to go fight some aliens or something?

REMO

Or something. I'll see you later. Peace out.

MEGAN

Peace out, who says that any more?

REMO

A startship Captain.

## SCENE TWO

(The same crowd bar six months earlier. The room is full of college students drinking and partying. MEGAN is about to walk to booth that she was at in the future.)

REMO

(REMO pushes MEGAN out of the way and beats her to the booth.)

Sorry.

MEGAN

What a jerk, I was going to sit there you dork!

REMO

I got here first. Sorry. (REMO puts his hands up into the air.)

(HARRY walks past REMO and MEGAN to go talked to some buddies.)

MEGAN

Well, I am going home, thanks a lot for ruing my night out. Jerk! (MEGAN storms out of the bar.)

REMO

Good job Captian. You're the man.

### SCENE THREE

(The same crowd bar at the six months later. The room is full of college students drinking and partying. MEGAN is sitting at her.)

REMO

It's a great night to be out. Isn't it?

MEGAN

Are you talking to me?

REMO

I don't see anyone else around.

MEGAN

Hey, you're that jerk that stole my booth a few months back. You have on the same cloths. Don't you wash them you jerk? Why don't you leave me alone, can't you see that you are not in the same league as I am?

REMO

Trust me, you are not in the same *league* as me. Did you know that I am a time traveler?

MEGAN

What, are you some kind of psycho?

REMO

I sat in this booth a few seconds before you did, so that you wouldn't meet someone. The someone that you would have led you to do something horrible. Stupid also.

MEGAN

Man, you better leave before I get a bouncer over here. I know the owner.

REMO

Did you know that if you and Harry would've hook up, there would have been a third world war. But since you are knock up with someone else baby, you and Harry will never meet now. The time line is saved, once again.

MEGAN

How did you know that I was pregnant? Are you a stalker?

REMO

No ma'am, I am a starship Captain. Peace out.

(REMO walks out of the bar and few seconds later a bright blue light appears for a second.)

THE END