



Our Story Of How It
All Began

This story begins on March 13, 2013 when Mark texted Kristin, "Hey, this is Mark. Glad we met tonight"

Then Kristin replied, "Hi! Me too :)"

Mark went on, "Here's that photo of the Empire State from earlier"
Mark sent Kristin:



"Beautiful, thanks!" replied Kristin.

Mark went on, "Hopefully we get to continue our conversation about horses in NYC"

"I think we will..." answered Kristin.

On March 14, 2013 Mark texted Kristin, "Are you free Tonight?"

Kristin continued, "Could be..."

"How about for a late-night/post-dinner drink?" replied Mark.

Then Kristin said, "Sounds intriguing. Where?"

Mark went on, "West 12th Street and Hudson"

To which Kristin responded, "OK, 10PM?"

"Yes" replied Mark.

Then Kristin said, "Well I'll plan on seeing you there, Mark"

"See I told you there were horses roaming free in NYC. They're not all wearing blinders in Central Park." answered Mark.

Mark sent Kristin:



Kristin then replied with, "Where is this????"

Mark went on, "Wouldn't you like to know?"

To which Kristin responded, "I would :)"

Then Mark replied, "Stay tuned then... I know some interesting things"

"I'm banking on it. Still on for a late-night rendezvous?" texted Kristin.

Mark texted, "Yup, see you there at 10P."

Kristin then replied with, "Here!"

"I see you" texted Mark.

Kristin said, "I don't see you"

Mark then replied with, "Count down from 5 and you will..."

On March 15, 2013 Mark texted Kristin, "I had fun with you last night"

"As did I. We should do it again sometime" replied Kristin.

Mark texted, "We should do something different next time. What kind of music are you into?"

"Deal. All kinds, but this is my favorite song. Do you know which one it is?... "Somebody said you got a new friend. Does she love you better than I can? There's a big black sky over my town. I know where you at, I bet she's around. Yeah, I know it's stupid, I just gotta see it for myself..." said Kristin.

Mark said, "YES, it's Robyn --- "I'm in the corner watching you kiss her oooh--waa-oooh. I'm right over here, why can't you see me, oooh-wahh-oooooo. I keep dancin"

"on my own..." This can be OUR song..."

Kristin then replied with, "LOL. Perfect!"

"By the way, what was that word you used to describe that conversation the group behind us at the bar was having?" said Mark.

Kristin went on, "Don't remember"

"Oh! Was the word 'fracas'?"

"Yes! Fracas!" said Mark.

"Interesting..."

Kristin went on, "Is it?"

Mark then replied with, "Yes"

Then Kristin replied, "Good. So are you"

"What are you up to today?" responded Mark.

Kristin continued, "I'm hosting a work luncheon"

To which Mark responded, "Oh really? How's the food?"

"Did I mention that I'm a pretty great cook?"

Then Kristin said, "You did and yes it should be a pretty good meal here. What do you think?"

Kristin sent Mark:



Mark said, "Looks good. I can probably top that"

"Yeah"

Then Kristin said, "Oh yeah?"

"You should show me sometime"

"Name the time and place and I'll be there with groceries" texted Mark.

Kristin then replied with, "I will :)"

Then Mark replied, "When then?"

Kristin continued, "Well let me get through one luncheon before I plan our private one"

Mark went on, "Of course, Miss Popular..."

"Ha. Ours won't be this boring" texted Kristin.

Mark then replied with, "No, it won't be. We should do something tonight"

Kristin went on, "Would love to, but I'm heading to meet my parents for Dinner..."

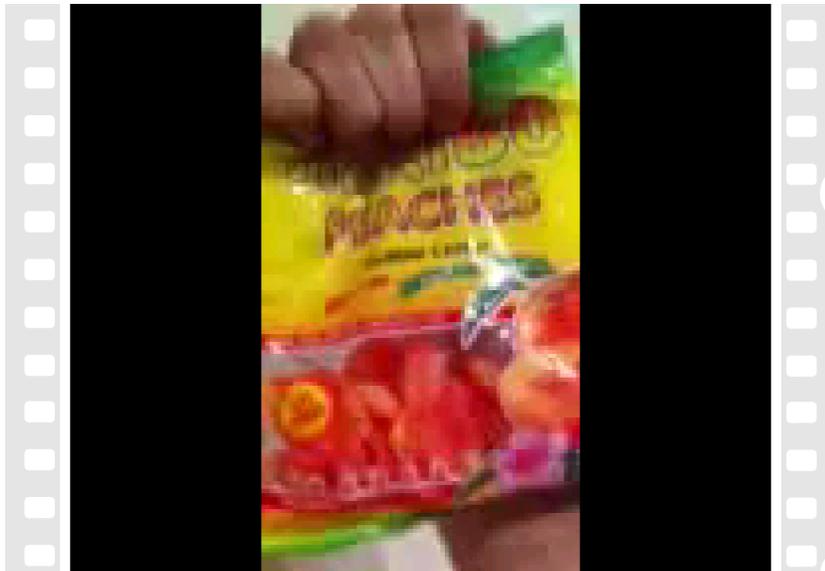
Mark continued, "Is that set in stone?"

To which Kristin responded, "Was planning on it, but I could be persuaded otherwise..."

"Really? What would have the biggest persuasion power?" said Mark.

Kristin went on, "HMMMMM, I'm always enticed by candy"

Mark sent Kristin:



"Persuasive enough for you to meet me at my place at dusk?"

Then Kristin replied, "Sold! Peach gummies are my favorite! Parents are cancelled. I'll be on the dusk train to your place"

"Looking forward to it. Buzz up and I'll leave the door open. See you tonight!" replied Mark.

On March 16, 2013 Kristin texted Mark, "Working on a Saturday is extra horrible after the night we had"

Mark then replied with, "You poor thing. You were so cute in bed this morning. I couldn't let you go. Thanks for finding the lint in my bellybutton. :) We should make plans."

"What are you doing tomm night?"

"I loved your lint. No plans tomm." replied Kristin.

Mark continued, "Make plans with me then. My friend is having a St Patricks Day costume party uptown -- low key"

Kristin texted, "Sure, but I don't have costume..."

Mark went on, "Maybe you can go as something that's really into me?"

Then Kristin said, "Oh yeah. That's a real disguise for me. :) and yes, I'm in!"

Mark went on, "I thought so. Good, see you Sunday night -- it's 1402 Lexington Avenue -- starts around 8"

"I'll be there" answered Kristin.

Mark then replied with, "Hope you're not still at work now. Whatchyadoin?"

To which Kristin responded, "Was just thinking about you. I know you said you hate drinks with umbrellas, but does this count? It's bubbling up like a science experiment -- and I know how you like science."

Kristin sent Mark:



Then Mark said, "I do like science... What is that thing? dry ice??!!
That's a very summer-y looking drink for this time of year"

"It is, but I needed a little tropical pick-me-up after the day I had" said
Kristin.

To which Mark responded, "Work?"

"It was brutal :(" texted Kristin.

Mark said, "Maybe if you have a good enough time with me tomm after the
Costume party you will want to run away with me afterwards. That would
solve the work problem..."

Then Kristin replied, "Very enticing"

"Good, I aim for enticement" texted Mark.

Kristin texted, "I bet you say that to all the girls"

"You can bet all you like, but you'll lose" replied Mark.

Kristin said, ":) Yeah, I never did have much luck as a gambler"

"Stick with me kid" texted Mark.

To which Kristin responded, "Well we'll just see about that won't we..."

On March 17, 2013 Mark texted Kristin, "I will be imcommunicado all day so won't be able to communicate. I am banking on just meeting you at the party tonight. Cool?"

Kristin went on, "I'm gonna try and spend the entire day sleeping, so that plan works just fine. I will see you later!"

"I'm here! And they are playing our song..."

"I know! Where are you?" said Mark.

Kristin said, "I'm at the end of the bar -- closest to the door"

Then Mark replied, "I see you now -- nice costume. You DO look like a girl who's really into me"

"Thanks, it didn't take me very long to whip up. Now how long are you going to creepily watch me from across the room before you come say hi?" replied Kristin.

To which Mark responded, "10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5..."

To Kristin - Now that you've agreed to marry me, here is a remembrance of where it all began. During the rest of our lives, I hope to add many more volumes to this chronicle of our time together.