

Harry held his book in front of his face, trying to covertly watch the young woman's lithe form walking through the building's atrium. His eyes traced from the top of her flaming red head—the strands pulled up in a ponytail that swished over her shoulders when she walked—down to the four-inch heels she seemed to wear so effortlessly. He grinned to himself, thinking she still wouldn't quite reach his chin.

He had sat there every day for the past week-and-a-half during his lunch break, just waiting to catch one glimpse of her as she left her office and came back from wherever she spent her lunchtime. But he needed to stop torturing himself like this. She would never notice him, and there was no way he would ever get the nerve to actually speak to her.

He laid his book in his lap and reached for the briefcase sitting beside him, ready to stand when she stopped in her tracks. He paused, waiting to see what she would do—his jaw going slack when she turned to face him, her blue eyes gleaming with humor.

*Shit!* She was walking toward him. He pulled the book up to cover his face, not moving when she stepped in front of him.

"Ahem." Her little cough wasn't loud, so he would just ignore it.

In fact, maybe if he pretended she wasn't there, she might just walk away. Because, really, why else would she come up to him except to ask about him stalking her—which he wasn't, of course.

"Hello," she said, laughter in her voice. "Are you just going to sit there every time I pass by and not even say hi?"

He looked up over the edge of his book, seeing her full pink lips smiling down at him. She was even lovelier up close, the few freckles dotting over her nose and fair cheeks giving her an air of innocence.

"Are you talking to me?"

"Of course." She was still smiling—actually looking pleased to be talking to him. "And by the way I'm Mary," she said reaching out her hand.

"Harry," he said taking her hand and giving it a slight shake.

"Glad to meet you," she said, sitting down beside him—much to his surprise. "And just so you know, I think you're cute too."