

From The Devil in Sherman Marsh

SHERMAN, 17

AMBER, 17

NORA, 17

Super Nerd Sherman Marsh has made a deal with the devil to make the most beautiful girl in the school (Amber) fall madly in love with him. Too bad he didn't specify what "madly" meant.

(The Theatre Classroom. Sherman is standing with Nora. Amber enters.)

AMBER

Hello Sherman.

SHERMAN

Amber! Don't you have another educational engagement at the moment?

AMBER

I took the bathroom pass so I could be with you.

SHERMAN

Oh—

AMBER

Who's this?

NORA

Hi I'm Nora. I'm new.

AMBER

Huh. Why are you talking to her, Sherman?

SHERMAN

She's my partner.

AMBER

Your partner? You expect me to believe that? You leave Sherman alone.

NORA

We were just talking.

AMBER

Uh huh. Well quit it.

NORA

What is your problem?

AMBER

My problem, tramp, is that I was watching you flirting with my boyfriend.

SHERMAN

Boyfriend? Does that mean we're courting?

NORA

I wasn't flirting with him—

AMBER

Sherman is mine and if I see you talk to him again I'll run over you with my VW Bug.

NORA

I wasn't doing anything!

SHERMAN

It was a mere conversation—

AMBER

Sherman, I know what's best for you. And this hussy isn't it. If we're going to have a relationship, I need to be able to trust you. Can I trust you?

SHERMAN

Sure. Does that mean we are indeed courting?

AMBER

Of course!

NORA

This chick's crazy. I'll talk to you later, Sherman.

(she goes to get her backpack.)

AMBER

You will not! Sherman doesn't like you! He hates you! He thinks you smell bad and have acne!

SHERMAN

Amber, perhaps we should—

AMBER

Why do you do this me, Sherman? Don't you know I go crazy when I think you're with someone else—

(The bell rings. The students filter out.)

AMBER

Okay, I have our afternoon planned. After school we're going to go to the park—I've made a picnic lunch for us—I spent all week planning it, and then after the park--I love you! I'm sorry that just came right out, didn't it? I didn't mean to tell you that yet! But it's true! I love you!

SHERMAN

Well that's—

AMBER

Don't you love me?

SHERMAN

You didn't give me the opportunity to say anything—

AMBER

If you really loved me you would have said it as fast as you possibly could. But you hesitated. You don't love me. It's because of that harlot, isn't it? That Nora? She's poisoned you against me! I'll kill her! I'll kill her! I love you! I said it again why didn't you say it back? Tell me you love me!

SHERMAN

I...

AMBER

You hesitated!

SHERMAN

No I love you!

AMBER

You don't mean it! You're just saying that! Why do I always fall for the wrong guy?!

SHERMAN

No I do love you, I've been obsessed with you for years! I have the diary entries to prove it!

AMBER

Really? That's the sweetest thing anyone's ever said to me! We're going to be so happy together! Our first baby will be named Elizabeth and she'll have your eyes and my personality and then we're going to have a boy, little Bobby, but we'll call him Bowser, oh he'll be so cute! This is THE MOST FANTASTIC THING EVER!!! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!! DON'T EVER LEAVE ME!!!

I won't. I won't.
(NORA passes by.)

Hey Sherman.

Greetings.
(AMBER chases down NORA.)

What did you just say?!

I just said Hey.

Say that again! SAY THAT AGAIN!

You're crazy.

Oh I'm crazy, huh? I'm not the one trying to STEAL ANOTHER GIRL'S BOYFRIEND!! He doesn't like you! He doesn't want anything to do with you, you Goodwill-shopping gutter tramp!

You need to chill.

Let's go! Let's go! I'll kill you! I LOVE MY MAN AND NO ONE IS COMING BETWEEN US!

I'll see you later, Sherman.
(AMBER slaps NORA.)
Ow!

You want some more? Huh?

All right, that's it!

(NORA fights back. AMBER flails around like a madwoman. AMBER hits NORA again and again.)

AMBER

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT LOVE IS!!!

(She beats NORA down.)

WE HAVE A VERY SPECIAL BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP!!!!!!

NORA

You're insane!

(NORA runs.)

AMBER

Yeah you better run!

(AMBER stops, panting.)

I feel better.

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