

A modern love story

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It is the first school lesson after the holidays. Rico sits in his German lesson and is still on holiday with his thoughts. Because on his last holiday in Italy, there was a beautiful girl who stayed at the same hotel as he did.

Although he had not exchanged a single word with her and knew nothing about her, he had to think of her all the time.

Rico isn't really interested in girls, his thoughts are always on basketball, and after he does his homework, he can play a game on the play station. He is already in 8th grade and the German lessons still does not entertain him.

He has only seen Anna three times during his two weeks on holiday, but he can still remember her brown hair and green eyes.

He is ripped from his thoughts by the break bell. The break is the best thing about school for Rico. As soon as it rings, he and his best friends Max and Manuel run outside with the basketball and secure the basketball court in the schoolyard. Max is 14 years old just like Rico, only Manuel is one year older because he is repeating the 8th grade. Manuel is the tallest of all, yet Manuel and Rico are always arguing about who is taller. They are all on a basketball team and share the same interests.

After the break, they go back to class. Each of them has a seatmate, except Rico. Because he makes so much nonsense in class, the seat next to him has to remain free.

This time his math teacher does not come into the class alone. She seems very happy. Next to her is a girl with long brown hair. She looks very shy. She turns her head away from the class and so you cannot see her face.

"Good morning everyone! This is your new classmate Anna. Please welcome her here," says Ms. Horn, the math teacher.

"What a coincidence! Her name is also Anna and she also has brown hair," Rico thought. At that moment, as she turns around, Rico sees her face and immediately recognizes her.

The teacher then says, "Anna please sit next to Rico, the seat is free" and points to the empty chair. She reminds Rico: "Rico please do no nonsense, otherwise I will move you to another seat." Rico wants to be especially careful now, because he does not want the place next to him to get free again.

As she approaches him, Rico turns red and turns his head in a different direction. He is afraid that she will notice that he likes her.

Anna sits down next to Rico and unpacks her school supplies. Then she says to Rico, "Hey, I saw you on holiday in Italy. What a coincidence". "That's right, I recognize you. Yes, a cool coincidence," Rico replies. Rico does nothing until the end of the lesson, because he is afraid to talk to Anna.

After the lesson is over, he runs off with Manuel and Max so quickly that he stumbles over his own school bag. His friends laugh and say, "We're going to secure the place." Max and Manuel then run out of class.

Anna stands next to him until he gets up; everyone is already out of class. Anna helps him up and points to his trousers, which are now torn at the back. Rico is ashamed. "It can't get any more embarrassing," he thinks. He runs to his sports equipment, takes it with him and continues to run to the toilet to change clothes. After he has changed, Anna waits for him in front of the boy's toilet.

"Is everything okay?" Anna asks him. Rico grins and says "everything okay". Anna and Rico talk for the whole break and Rico doesn't feel so bad anymore. After the ringing of the school bell, everyone goes back to class.

After a few days, Anna invites Rico home. Rico confesses his feelings to Anna, and she does as well. That is the best day of his life for Rico. From then on, he enjoys going to school.

The End