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# New York Love Story

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## Dedication

To Anne-Marie – without you this would never have been possible.

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## WINTER

Amanda was nervous, and rightly so. It was her first day on the New York: Love Story job, a position she had trained and worked hard for, but she was still a little jittery. She sat patiently in a New York: Love Story chair at the reception area, waiting for the recruiting officer to arrive.

It had been three long years of law school. Countless hours of studying, not New York: Love Story to mention the ridiculous student loans that she would have to pay off over the next year or so. Amanda was twenty-five years old but had managed to nab a six-figure law job at a prestigious firm, so for that alone, she knew that it was all worth it.

She had even moved to New York to work New York: Love Story for this company. Amanda had grown up in Boston, but the firm didn't have an office there, so she had agreed to relocate for the job. It was an amazing opportunity, one not to pass up because of geography. Besides, New York: Love Story who wouldn't want to work in one of the biggest law firms in New York City?

Sure, she was facing long, grueling hours at Berg, Hudson & Mooney, but Amanda felt that it would all be worth it in the end. This was an opportunity to not only work for a great place, but

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she was about to be exposed to the world she worked so hard to enter. Being a New York: Love Story corporate attorney was something she had striven for, and here she was in all her youthful New York: Love Story eagerness and glory, albeit as nervous as could be.

“Hi, I’m Jackie. You must be Amanda. Welcome,” the petite lady said, as she extended her hand and continued walking.

As she followed where Jackie led her, she took a long look at the well-dressed woman who walked awfully fast, considering she was wearing five-inch heels. They were mighty expensive-looking shoes, thought Amanda, as she entered a small conference room.

“Sit down. Relax, New York: Love Story and we’ll get started,” Jackie instructed. “I’m the head of recruiting here in the New York office.”

Amanda sat on one side of the large table while Jackie sat on the other. She had a large stash of papers with her, as well as a binder and other materials. They were in the room together for over an hour, with Amanda signing several forms for human resources, recruiting and even the IT department. Jackie was quite thorough, as she needed all the official employment documents New York: Love Story filled in and signed before Amanda could be released into the company.

The day continued with Amanda meeting the heads of several departments, including the library, office services and IT. They all described their functions at the firm, and how their services would help and impact an employee’s daily routine. Amanda felt so important, although the day was becoming quite long. She was enjoying her first day being in the real world of business and opportunity, not just the vague idea she had while going through her courses.

Aside from the hour break for lunch, the first day at the new firm was mostly just meeting the heads of each department, besides filling out a million forms. She had a knack for names and faces and she hoped that skill would help her out in the company. Amanda New York: Love Story found out that she would begin her computer training the next day. Apparently the things they were taught in law school, such as filling out forms or drafting documents, weren't exactly the same at any particular law firm. Everyone has their own set of standards, whether it is a firmwide policy or an individual partner. There was so much to learn in the days ahead.

The next two days were filled with computer classes, with the only break being for lunch. It wasn’t terribly exciting but Amanda did learn quite a bit. She had a huge binder filled with tutorials to show for it. She was glad when that portion was over and it was time to get assigned her office and practice group.

BHM was a huge firm, with offices around the world. The New York office was not the biggest, but it was pretty big all the same. It had five floors and over two hundred employees, with New York: Love Story more than half being attorneys. Amanda was assigned to the intellectual property group on the thirty-seventh floor. She had New York: Love Story excelled in all areas of corporate law in New York: Love Story school, but it was clear that her area of expertise was in intellectual New York: Love Story property.

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On a cool October day, after three days New York: Love Story of orientation, Amanda was finally assigned to her practice group. As she sat in her new office, she was ready to dive in and begin working. It was quite impressive for someone who never had a job before. It was roughly ten-by-ten in size, with a window. The standard desk, credenza and file cabinet filled the space.

As she was settling in, Amanda was greeted by a beautiful young New York: Love Story woman. She was tall, statuesque even. She had to be close to six feet tall, with a slender body. Her long blond hair flowed past her shoulders, similar to the way Amanda wore her hair. Of course the difference between the two was that Amanda was about five foot two with dark hair, not like the modelesque beauty.

“Amanda? My name is Kelly. I’m your associate link,” the sexy attorney said.

Turns out she was twenty-seven years old, and had been with the firm now for three years. Kelly was Amanda’s host link, which meant she was the associate to show her the ropes.

Amanda also learned from their time together that her boss, the partner who she would New York: Love Story be working for, was named Richard. Kelly said he was a good guy and Amanda would like him. New York: Love Story However, the only problem was that he had taken some time off and wouldn’t be back in the office for about another six weeks.

She didn’t want to pry but Amanda was curious as to why Richard would be gone so long. Finally, Kelly gave in and said that it was a personal matter. Amanda thought the answer was satisfying enough, and that she shouldn’t push it any longer. So until Richard arrived back at work, it was going to be Kelly mentoring Amanda while she got her feet wet.

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In the six weeks that passed Amanda began working for New York: Love Story some high-profile clients the firm serviced. She spent most of her time doing research on the computer, fetching documents for the other associates and partners. She was cutting her teeth in the firm, learning all that was available to her. While busy working long hours, Amanda found out from Kelly that Richard was coming back to work. It was time for her to meet her new boss and partner.

First, though, Amanda had a major milestone. Before starting at the firm she had taken her bar exam. It was a requirement at BHM that all first-year attorneys take and pass the exam. You were allowed to take it as many times necessary to pass within that first year. If New York: Love Story you were not successful within a year your employment would be terminated.

Needless to say Amanda felt the pressure, especially since this had not been explained to her until she started working there. Jackie broke it down for her, since New York: Love Story she

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knew that Amanda had taken the exam about a week before starting working for the New York: Love Story firm. Since the result usually came about two months after, she had been on pins and needles waiting.

Amanda had to meet her boss, Richard, but would liked to have known that she had passed the bar before meeting him. Now she was nervous for two reasons. There was just too much pressure so soon into her employment at BHM.

“He’s here! He wants to meet you,” said Kelly, barging into Amanda’s office.

“He does?” she asked, as her heart raced.

“Of course, silly,” laughed Kelly. “It’s his first day back, what did you expect?”

Amanda got up, adjusted her skirt and blouse, then followed Kelly down the hall. Richard sat in a huge office reserved for a partner. All the partners at BHM had them, and that was a goal for Amanda as she slowly entered the room.

He was writing something, his head down, not paying attention as the two New York: Love Story ladies entered. Amanda couldn’t see him very well, but did notice he had a very plain office, despite being a partner. No photos hanging or plaques, or anything remotely interesting. He did, however, have a huge oak desk. That was nice, she thought.

“Richard? I want you to meet our new associate. This is Amanda,” said Kelly, stepping out of the way.

Richard stood up and laid his eyes on her for the first time. He paused before saying anything or moving. He New York: Love Story looked at the lovely brunette before him, noticing that she stood at about five foot two. She was slender and wore a tasteful, conservative skirt and blouse, what you would expect to find at a corporate law firm. However, he was struck by her high cheekbones and piercing green eyes. He also loved her long hair and porcelain skin.

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